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The House met at noon and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. SMITH of Nebraska).

DESIGNATION OF SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

WASHINGTON, DC,

June 23, 2014.

I hereby appoint the Honorable ADRIAN SMITH to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

JOHN A. BOEHNER,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

MORNING-HOUR DEBATE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the order of the House of January 7, 2014, the Chair would now recognize Members from lists submitted by the majority and minority leaders for morning-hour debate.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess until 2 p.m. today.

Accordingly (at 12 o'clock and 1 minute p.m.), the House stood in recess.

□ 1400

AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. STEWART) at 2 p.m.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Patrick J. Conroy, offered the following prayer:
Loving and gracious God, we give You thanks for giving us another day.

Help us this day to draw closer to You, so that with Your spirit, and aware of Your presence among us, we may all face the tasks of this day with grace and confidence.

Bless the Members of the people's House as they return from constituent visits over the past weekend.

May these decisive days through which we are living be an opportunity for them to rise to the challenges of governing well and addressing the needs of our Nation. Give them the wisdom and the courage to fail not their fellow citizens, nor You.

May all that is done this day be for Your greater honor and glory.
Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House his approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentlewoman from North Carolina (Ms. FOXX) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Ms. FOXX led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

PREMIUMS ARE HURTING FAMILIES

(Mr. WILSON of South Carolina asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, the President's broken promises continue to hurt American fami-

lies. According to the administration's own report, an estimated 11 million small business employees are facing higher premiums because of the government health care takeover, which destroys jobs.

After being forced to purchase insurance in the ObamaCare exchange, Stepheni from Aiken writes:

"This required purchase of ObamaCare insurance cost my husband and I over \$900 per month and we get nothing for it. It's less expense for us to remain uninsured, so we have let our ObamaCare premium lapse. We surely hope that something will and can be done to prevent folks like us from being penalized for not keeping our insurance. We don't have over \$900 extra a month just to throw away."

The Affordable Care Act is anything but affordable for families and should be repealed and replaced to provide relief for millions of Americans like Stepheni. Women are most knowledgeable about the failure of ObamaCare.

In conclusion, God bless our troops, and we will never forget September the 11th in the global war on terrorism.

VA CLAIMS BENEFITS BACKLOG

(Ms. FOXX asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. FOXX. Mr. Speaker, as the President looks for a new VA Secretary, it is imperative that we not let the veterans health care scandal distract from the ongoing efforts to resolve the VA benefits claims backlog.

The VA has undertaken important reforms to streamline the process, such as electronic records and working to ensure that initial claims include all necessary information. These steps are helping to address the backlog; but as the scandal in the health care side of the VA continues to unfold and demand the attention of policymakers, we must

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remain focused on effective implementation of these and other benefits determination process reforms.

Mr. Speaker, we are dutybound to do everything we can to ensure our veterans have timely access to the benefits they have earned. I am committed to ensuring timely access to these benefits, and we must ensure the incoming VA Secretary is committed as well.

EPA SHOULD MAKE DATA PUBLIC

(Mr. SMITH of Texas asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. SMITH of Texas. Mr. Speaker, the EPA's regulatory process is flawed. The data EPA uses to justify its costly air regulations are hidden from the public. The Agency uses this secret science to make exaggerated claims about the alleged benefits of burdensome new regulations. Every major air quality regulation proposed by this administration has been based on non-transparent data and unverifiable claims.

Americans impacted by EPA regulations have a right to determine for themselves if the EPA's actions are based on sound science or a partisan agenda. That is why, tomorrow, the Science Committee will consider the Secret Science Reform Act. It requires that the EPA make its regulatory data publicly available.

If the EPA has nothing to hide, why not make the information public? The American people who foot the bill for these regulations deserve to see the data, and good policy requires it.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

A message in writing from the President of the United States was communicated to the House by Mr. Brian Pate, one of his secretaries.

CONTINUATION OF THE NATIONAL EMERGENCY WITH RESPECT TO THE WESTERN BALKANS—MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES (H. DOC. NO. 113-123)

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following message from the President of the United States; which was read and, together with the accompanying papers, referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and ordered to be printed:

To the Congress of the United States:

Section 202(d) of the National Emergencies Act (50 U.S.C. 1622(d)) provides for the automatic termination of a national emergency unless, within 90 days prior to the anniversary date of its declaration, the President publishes in the *Federal Register* and transmits to the Congress a notice stating that the emergency is to continue in effect beyond the anniversary date. In accordance with this provision, I have sent to

the *Federal Register* for publication the enclosed notice stating that the national emergency with respect to the Western Balkans that was declared in Executive Order (E.O.) 13219 of June 26, 2001, is to continue in effect beyond June 26, 2014.

The threat constituted by the actions of persons engaged in, or assisting, sponsoring, or supporting, (i) extremist violence in the Republic of Macedonia and elsewhere in the Western Balkans region, or (ii) acts obstructing implementation of the Dayton Accords in Bosnia or United Nations Security Council Resolution 1244 of June 10, 1999, related to Kosovo, has not been resolved. In addition, E.O. 13219 was amended by E.O. 13304 of May 28, 2003, to take additional steps with respect to acts obstructing implementation of the Ohrid Framework Agreement of 2001 relating to Macedonia.

Because the acts of extremist violence and obstructionist activity outlined in these Executive Orders are hostile to U.S. interests and continue to pose an unusual and extraordinary threat to the national security and foreign policy of the United States, I have determined that it is necessary to continue the national emergency declared with respect to the Western Balkans.

BARACK OBAMA.

THE WHITE HOUSE, June 23, 2014.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess until approximately 4 p.m. today.

Accordingly (at 2 o'clock and 9 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess.

□ 1600

AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. DUNCAN of Tennessee) at 4 p.m.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the Chair will postpone further proceedings today on motions to suspend the rules on which a recorded vote or the yeas and nays are ordered, or on which the vote incurs objection under clause 6 of rule XX.

Record votes on postponed questions will be taken later.

RELIABLE HOME HEATING ACT

Mr. PETRI. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (S. 2086) to address current emergency shortages of propane and other home heating fuels and to provide greater flexibility and information for Governors to address such emergencies in the future.

The Clerk read the title of the bill. The text of the bill is as follows:

S. 2086

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "Reliable Home Heating Act".

SEC. 2. AUTHORITY TO EXTEND EMERGENCY DECLARATIONS FOR PURPOSES OF TEMPORARILY EXEMPTING MOTOR CARRIERS PROVIDING EMERGENCY RELIEF FROM CERTAIN SAFETY REGULATIONS.

(a) DEFINED TERM.—In this Act, the term "residential heating fuel" includes—

- (1) heating oil;
- (2) natural gas; and
- (3) propane.

(b) AUTHORIZATION.—If the Governor of a State declares a state of emergency caused by a shortage of residential heating fuel and, at the conclusion of the initial 30-day emergency period (or a second 30-day emergency period authorized under this subsection), the Governor determines that the emergency shortage has not ended, any extension of such state of emergency by the Governor, up to 2 additional 30-day periods, shall be recognized by the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration as a period during which parts 390 through 399 of chapter III of title 49, Code of Federal Regulations, shall not apply to any motor carrier or driver operating a commercial motor vehicle to provide residential heating fuel in the geographic area so designated as under a state of emergency.

(c) RULEMAKING.—The Secretary of Transportation shall amend section 390.23(a)(1)(ii) of title 49, Code of Federal Regulations, to conform to the provision set forth in subsection (b).

(d) SAVINGS PROVISION.—Nothing in this section may be construed to modify the authority granted to the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration's Field Administrator under section 390.23(a) of title 49, Code of Federal Regulations, to offer temporary exemptions from parts 390 through 399 of such title.

SEC. 3. ENERGY INFORMATION ADMINISTRATION NOTIFICATION REQUIREMENT.

The Administrator of the Energy Information Administration, using data compiled from the Administration's Weekly Petroleum Status Reports, shall notify the Governor of each State in a Petroleum Administration for Defense District if the inventory of residential heating fuel within such district has been below the most recent 5-year average for more than 3 consecutive weeks.

SEC. 4. REVIEW.

Not later than 12 months after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Transportation shall conduct a study of, and transmit to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate and the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives, a report on the impacts of safety from the extensions issued by Governors according to this Act. In conducting the study, the Secretary shall review, at a minimum—

- (1) the safety implications of extending exemptions; and
- (2) a review of the exemption process to ensure clarity and efficiency during emergencies.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from Wisconsin (Mr. PETRI) and the gentleman from the District of Columbia (Ms. NORTON) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Wisconsin.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. PETRI. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days in which to revise and extend their remarks and to include extraneous material on the bill before us.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Wisconsin?

There was no objection.

Mr. PETRI. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

I rise in support of S. 2086, the Reliable Home Heating Act, which helps States better prepare and respond to regional supply disruptions or shortages of propane and other home heating fuels.

The winter of 2013 and 2014 included extreme weather events that led to increased demand for propane, which is used for heating in approximately 12 million U.S. homes, and for other home heating fuels. The extreme weather conditions threatened the lives and livelihood of those with homes, farms, and businesses that depend on heat from propane and other home heating fuels.

S. 2086 gives the Governor of a State the authority to extend regulatory exemptions during a state of emergency for two additional 30-day periods, for a total of 90 days, without action from the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration.

The bill requires the Energy Information Administration to provide early warnings to Governors if the inventory of residential heating fuel falls below the most recent 5-year average for more than 3 consecutive weeks. The bill also requires the Secretary of Transportation to conduct a study on the safety impacts of extending the regulatory exemptions.

On March 21, 2014, the President signed H.R. 4076, the HHEATT Act of 2014 introduced by Chairman BILL SHUSTER. It provided immediate relief to States impacted by the extreme weather from some Federal Motor Carrier Safety regulations until May 31 of this year.

S. 2086 provides States the tools needed to address shortages of propane and other home heating fuels during future extreme weather events. The bipartisan bill was introduced by Senator THUNE and Senator KLOBUCHAR and is supported by the National Propane Gas Association, the New England Fuel Institute, the Illinois Petroleum Marketers Association, the Nebraska Petroleum Marketers Association, and the Petroleum Marketers Association of America.

I urge all my colleagues to support S. 2086, and I reserve the balance of my time.

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, as described by my good friend and colleague, the chairman of the Highways and Transit Subcommittee, S. 2086 automatically suspends Federal Motor Carrier Safety

rules for up to 90 days after a Governor of an affected State declares a state of emergency due to a shortage of residential heating fuel.

Mr. Speaker, it is true that last winter there were parts of the United States which experienced extraordinarily cold temperatures and extreme winter weather. I hate to predict this, but until we do something about climate change, we are going to see these vast contrasts of the kind we have never experienced before. At that time, of course, if people are experiencing unusually cold weather, there is going to be a demand for propane and other home heating fuels.

I also, of course, fully support maximum flexibility to ensure timely delivery of fuel to heat homes across the country, and certainly in a time of crisis. In fact, the House acted swiftly in March during that crisis to pass Chairman SHUSTER's HHEATT Act, H.R. 4076, but of course today most of the country is in the middle of a heat wave.

Most of the States have their eyes looking elsewhere. They are watching the Congress to see when we will shore up the highway trust fund. They are running out of money. Already they have slowed up their investments. And of course, in a matter of just a few weeks, we will be running on empty on the highway trust fund.

But I was not asked to come to the floor today to ensure that construction projects around the country employing hundreds of thousands of Americans will continue to be reimbursed so that workers can stay on the job and communities can upgrade their infrastructure. I was asked to come to the floor today to pass an exemption for home heating fuel, even though it is close to 90 degrees outside in much of the country.

Last winter, during the actual time of emergency, FMCSA acted promptly to issue exemptions to allow truck drivers delivering home heating fuels to drive for additional hours to get supplies to customers as quickly as possible. Then they acted promptly to extend the exemptions after the initial 30-day period.

Therefore, I must say I do not see any evidence of why this legislation is needed or warranted. Further, by automatically waiving motor carrier rules for up to 90 days, the legislation removes any safety consideration from the exemption decision.

Mr. Speaker, our surface transportation system has pressing needs, as I speak, that require congressional action in the immediate term—yesterday, perhaps. Instead, we keep coming to the floor to chip away at truck safety rules?

I will not oppose the legislation under consideration, but I do believe calling up this legislation today is unnecessary and unproductive while we are staring at a deadline—and I must say, I think it is more aptly called an emergency every day—for replenishing the highway trust fund.

With that, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. PETRI. Mr. Speaker, I yield such time as he may consume to the gentleman from Wisconsin (Mr. DUFFY), my well-respected colleague and the voice of northern Wisconsin.

Mr. DUFFY. I appreciate the gentleman from Wisconsin (Mr. PETRI) yielding.

Mr. Speaker, I don't want to engage in a debate on global warming, especially after the winter we had in Wisconsin last winter. The bottom line is last winter it was incredibly cold in Wisconsin, and we saw home heating fuel prices for some of my constituents go up by four times, and that was if they were able to get home heating fuels.

I don't think this is the end of it because there has been a war on energy, and that war on energy makes it more difficult for my constituents to access energy. I think we have to leave those debates aside right now and look at, in the current structure, can we have some reform that actually helps people across the country when these crises amount.

What this does is doesn't make us look to the Department of Transportation—which, by the way, last winter they were quick to act. We don't have to look for Congress to have some quick legislation to minimize the trucking hours of service so we can get fuel into places like northern Wisconsin.

What we are going to do is we are going to empower Governors. Let Governors notice when there is a crisis and let them move quickly so we can have one piece of the burden alleviated—the hours of service requirement—so our trucks can go to the places where we have home heating fuel and bring it to northern Wisconsin, we can bring in more supply.

This was such a crisis, we have people in Wisconsin who have a hard time paying their energy bills when we have normal prices. But when prices go up by four times, or when it is 40 below and they can't get home heating fuel, this is a crisis. Any day we have to wait for the Department of Transportation or for Congress to act is a day that we have prices continuing to go up or we don't have access to our consumers, to our constituents, to our people.

So I think this is a commonsense approach that leaves the global warming debate aside, the war on energy aside, and looks to our Governors, gives them authority to make decisions in this one small piece, to allow the hours of service waived in these emergencies so we can get fuel to places where they have a shortage.

I think this makes sense. There will be plenty of time to debate the greater energy issues that we have in the country, and I think that is a debate that we have to have, but that is not the place here. The debate on global warming, we can have that, too, especially

after the winter we had in Wisconsin last winter.

This makes sense. Let's empower Governors. Let's make sure we protect those Americans who live in the northern region of the country that rely on home heating fuel to heat their homes. Let's make sure we are going to allow them access, by way of their Governor, and the Governor's quick action.

So I appreciate the House bringing up this action from Senator THUNE, and I would urge its adoption.

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, I don't know about global warming, but virtually every scientist with any expertise agrees that climate change is occurring, not just in the colder parts of the country, but all over the world. The only debate now is whether it is too late and whether we can manage it, not whether it is occurring.

If the gentleman thinks it was cold in Wisconsin last winter, let us keep delaying doing anything on climate change and let's see if he will be in a position to do anything for his constituents.

I remind the Speaker that every time there has been a need, the Department of Transportation has not only acted, it has acted promptly. That is what an administrative agency is for. That is why we have administrative agencies. You can't keep running to the floor where you need two Houses in order to deal with a crisis.

Nevertheless, we do not oppose this legislation, but we do think it is our duty to remind the House that there is an emergency pending and that, if we go home certainly for August recess without attending to it, the bottom will fall out of the highway trust fund.

I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. PETRI. Mr. Speaker, I urge all Members to support this bill.

I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Wisconsin (Mr. PETRI) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, S. 2086.

The question was taken; and (two-thirds being in the affirmative) the rules were suspended and the bill was passed.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

STREAMLINING ENERGY EFFICIENCY FOR SCHOOLS ACT OF 2014

Mr. KINZINGER of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 4092) to amend the Energy Policy and Conservation Act to establish the Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy as the lead Federal agency for coordinating Federal, State, and local assistance provided to promote the energy retrofitting of schools, as amended.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The text of the bill is as follows:

H.R. 4092

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "Streamlining Energy Efficiency for Schools Act of 2014".

SEC. 2. COORDINATION OF ENERGY RETROFITTING ASSISTANCE FOR SCHOOLS.

Section 392 of the Energy Policy and Conservation Act (42 U.S.C. 6371a) is amended by adding at the end the following:

"(e) COORDINATION OF ENERGY RETROFITTING ASSISTANCE FOR SCHOOLS.—

"(1) DEFINITION OF SCHOOL.—Notwithstanding section 391(6), for the purposes of this subsection, the term 'school' means—

"(A) an elementary school or secondary school (as defined in section 9101 of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 7801));

"(B) an institution of higher education (as defined in section 102(a) of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1002(a));

"(C) a school of the defense dependents' education system under the Defense Dependents' Education Act of 1978 (20 U.S.C. 921 et seq.) or established under section 2164 of title 10, United States Code;

"(D) a school operated by the Bureau of Indian Affairs;

"(E) a tribally controlled school (as defined in section 5212 of the Tribally Controlled Schools Act of 1988 (25 U.S.C. 2511)); and

"(F) a Tribal College or University (as defined in section 3126(b) of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1059c(b))).

"(2) ESTABLISHMENT OF CLEARINGHOUSE.—The Secretary, acting through the Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, shall establish a clearinghouse to disseminate information regarding available Federal programs and financing mechanisms that may be used to help initiate, develop, and finance energy efficiency, distributed generation, and energy retrofitting projects for schools.

"(3) REQUIREMENTS.—In carrying out paragraph (2), the Secretary shall—

"(A) consult with appropriate Federal agencies to develop a list of Federal programs and financing mechanisms that are, or may be, used for the purposes described in paragraph (2); and

"(B) coordinate with appropriate Federal agencies to develop a collaborative education and outreach effort to streamline communications and promote available Federal programs and financing mechanisms described in subparagraph (A), which may include the development and maintenance of a single online resource that includes contact information for relevant technical assistance in the Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy that States, local education agencies, and schools may use to effectively access and use such Federal programs and financing mechanisms."

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. KINZINGER) and the gentleman from Maryland (Mr. SARBANES) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Illinois.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. KINZINGER of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members have 5 legislative days in which to revise and extend their remarks and insert extraneous material into the RECORD on the bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Illinois?

There was no objection.

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Mr. KINZINGER of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

H.R. 4092 directs the Secretary of Energy to develop a clearinghouse to publish information on Federal programs and financing tools that may be used to initiate, development, and finance energy efficiency, distributed generation, and energy retrofitting projects for schools.

In doing so, H.R. 4092 directs the Secretary to coordinate with appropriate Federal agencies on a collaborative effort to streamline communications and promote available programs and financing mechanisms.

Schools spend approximately \$6 billion each year on energy costs, making it the next largest expenditure after personnel costs. Well-designed energy efficiency and renewable energy improvements can stabilize or reduce these operating costs.

In fact, the most efficient schools use three times less energy than the least efficient schools. H.R. 4092 makes it easier for schools to access information on Federal programs and financing tools for pursuing such energy improvements.

Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. SARBANES. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

I encourage my colleagues to support Congressman CARTWRIGHT's bill establishing a clearinghouse which will assist schools in identifying existing Federal programs available to help schools initiate, develop, and finance energy efficiency, distributed generation, and energy retrofitting projects.

I congratulate Congressman CARTWRIGHT. This is a very thoughtful bill. It has broad stakeholder support. It makes a lot of common sense because there are these programs out there that are available to assist our schools, but sometimes connecting the dots is the challenge. This clearinghouse will help solve that.

This bill received unanimous bipartisan support in the Energy and Commerce Committee.

It is my pleasure now, Mr. Speaker, to yield 5 minutes to the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. CARTWRIGHT), the sponsor of the bill.

Mr. CARTWRIGHT. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman from Maryland for yielding.

I would like to thank Congressman WELCH from Vermont for his leadership on this bill as well. It is no secret that Congressman WELCH is one of the great champions in the House on the issue of energy efficiency, and it has been my pleasure to work with him on this.

I would also like to thank Chairman UPTON and Ranking Member WAXMAN for their support in guiding this bill through committee. This legislation is a great example of what we can do when we work together in a bipartisan fashion.

I would like to thank the majority and minority staffers. It is to their credit that they worked to craft an amended version of this bill that everybody could agree on. It was great to see

this bill pass unanimously out of the committee.

K-12 school districts spend billions on their energy bills every year, approximately \$6 billion a year, according to Energy Star, second only to personnel costs, exceeding the costs of textbooks and exceeding the costs of supplies.

Energy expenses are one of the few costs that can be reduced while, at the same time, improving classroom instruction. In fact, high-performance schools can lower a school district's operating costs by up to 30 percent.

There are numerous Federal initiatives already available to schools to help them become more energy efficient. However, these programs are spread across the Federal Government, making it challenging, time consuming, and costly for schools to identify and take full advantage of these programs. I have heard it said that you practically need a degree in library science to research and find all of these programs.

First introduced in the Senate as S. 1084 by Senators MARK UDALL and SUSAN COLLINS, the bipartisan Streamlining Energy Efficiency for Schools Act aims to provide a coordinating structure for schools to help them better navigate available Federal programs and financing options.

This legislation doesn't spend an additional dime and keeps decision-making authority with the States, with the school boards, and with the local officials.

The bill establishes a clearinghouse through the Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, which will disseminate information on Federal programs and financing mechanisms that may be used to develop energy efficiency, distributed generation, and energy retrofitting projects for schools.

I urge my colleagues to pass this bill. Again, I thank the gentleman from Maryland for yielding and for his assistance in this matter.

Mr. KINZINGER of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I will inquire if the gentleman from Maryland is prepared to close, as I am.

Mr. SARBANES. I am prepared to close.

Mr. KINZINGER of Illinois. I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. SARBANES. Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to support Congressman CARTWRIGHT's bill, and I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. KINZINGER of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I thank our colleagues across the aisle, and I urge the approval of this.

I yield back the balance of my time. The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. KINZINGER) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 4092, as amended.

The question was taken; and (two-thirds being in the affirmative) the rules were suspended and the bill, as amended, was passed.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

COLLINSVILLE RENEWABLE ENERGY PRODUCTION ACT

Mr. KINZINGER of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and concur in the Senate amendment to the bill (H.R. 316) to reinstate and transfer certain hydroelectric licenses and extend the deadline for commencement of construction of certain hydroelectric projects.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The text of the Senate amendment is as follows:

Senate amendment:

Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert:

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "Collinsville Renewable Energy Production Act".

SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.

In this Act:

(1) COMMISSION.—The term "Commission" means the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

(2) LICENSE.—The term "license" means—

(A) the license for Commission project number 10822;

(B) the license for Commission project number 10823; or

(C) both.

(3) TOWN.—The term "Town" means the town of Canton, Connecticut.

SEC. 3. REINSTATEMENT, EXTENSION, AND TRANSFER OF EXPIRED LICENSES.

Notwithstanding the termination of the license, the Commission may, at the request of the Town, in accordance with section 4(a), and after reasonable notice—

(1) reinstate the license;

(2) extend for 2 years after the date on which the license is reinstated the time period during which the licensee is required to commence the construction of the project subject to the license; and

(3) subject to section 4, transfer the license to the Town.

SEC. 4. CONDITIONS OF TRANSFER.

(a) APPLICATION FOR TRANSFER.—The Town may request the reinstatement, extension, and transfer of the license by filing an application for approval of the transfer.

(b) CONTENTS OF APPLICATION.—The application for approval of the transfer shall set forth in appropriate detail the qualifications of the Town to hold the license and to operate the property under license, which qualifications shall be the same as those required of applicants for the license.

(c) COMMISSION APPROVAL.—The Commission may approve the transfer on a showing that the transfer is in the public interest.

(d) TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF LICENSES.—The Town shall be subject to—

(1) all the conditions of the license and all the provisions and conditions of the Federal Power Act (16 U.S.C. 791a et seq.), as though the Town were the original licensee; and

(2) any additional terms and conditions the Commission determines to be necessary, including conditions for the protection, mitigation, and enhancement of fish and wildlife and related habitat under sections 10(f) and 18 of the Federal Power Act (16 U.S.C. 803(j), 811).

SEC. 5. ADMINISTRATION.

The Commission shall supplement the environmental impact statement or similar analysis required under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321 et seq.) prepared in connection with the issuance of the original license to examine all new circumstances and in-

formation relevant to environmental concerns and bearing on the reinstatement of the license or the impact of the license.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. KINZINGER) and the gentleman from Maryland (Mr. SARBANES) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Illinois.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. KINZINGER of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days in which to revise and extend their remarks and insert extraneous materials in the RECORD on the bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Illinois?

There was no objection.

Mr. KINZINGER of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

H.R. 316 would provide the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, or FERC, with limited authority to reinstate two terminated hydroelectric licenses and transfer them to a new owner, the town of Canton, Connecticut.

The licenses are associated with the upper and lower Collinsville dams on the Farmington River in Connecticut. Both projects are under 1 megawatt each.

I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. SARBANES. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, I encourage my colleagues to support the Collinsville hydropower legislation introduced by Congresswoman ESTY of Connecticut.

The bill would authorize the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission to reinstate licenses for two hydroelectric projects on the Farmington River and to transfer these licenses, as was indicated, to the town of Canton, Connecticut.

This noncontroversial, but very, very important legislation has passed the House by voice vote in three consecutive Congresses and has now passed the Senate with a few nonsubstantive changes. It is high time to get this bill to the President's desk, Mr. Speaker.

With that, I would like to yield 5 minutes to the gentlewoman from Connecticut (Ms. ESTY), the sponsor of the bill.

Ms. ESTY. Mr. Speaker, I would like to thank my good friend and colleague from Maryland, Congressman SARBANES, as well as the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. KINZINGER), for their roles in bringing this bill to the floor today.

Mr. Speaker, I rise as a proud sponsor of the Collinsville Renewable Energy Production Act.

This bill provides, as has been noted, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, commonly known as FERC, the authority to reinstate, extend, and transfer the licenses of two dams in my district to the town of Canton in order to redevelop hydropower at these two facilities that have been dormant since 1966.

The upper and lower Collinsville dams on the Farmington River were first built in the 18th and 19th centuries to power an ax manufacturer. Although this business closed in the 1960s, the dams have remained and are a lasting symbol of the manufacturing history of the Farmington Valley.

Today's legislation provides Canton the opportunity to create local clean energy and to stimulate local economic development along the scenic Farmington River.

As provided in the Senate's amendment to H.R. 316, Canton would need to file an application for approval with FERC that describes the town's qualifications to hold these licenses and to operate the dams.

It would require the town to be subject to the same conditions as in the original licenses, as well as any additional terms that FERC may deem necessary after reviewing the application.

I am aware that there are legitimate environmental concerns about the impact on the river and the surrounding ecosystem's health. These concerns are reflected in part with the addition of fish ladders to the hydrodams in the ensuing years since the closing of the facility.

To address those concerns, FERC would need to update the environmental impact statement provided for in the original licenses before they could be reinstated, extended, and transferred to the town.

If the Commission, under the authority provided in this bill, approves the application to reinstate these permits, the upper and lower Collinsville dams would provide nearly 2 megawatts of power. That is enough to power more than 1,500 homes.

It is important for me to acknowledge that the passage of this bill today is only possible because of the work and support of many others who have labored over this for many years.

First, I want to thank Senator CHRIS MURPHY—my colleague, friend, and neighbor—who championed this issue for several sessions here in the House, and our senior Senator, RICHARD BLUMENTHAL, for their leadership and sponsorship of the Senate amendment, which is before us today.

My thanks also go out to Chairman WHITFIELD, as well as Chairman UPTON and Ranking Members WAXMAN and RUSH and their staffs, for their bipartisan support to advance this legislation.

I also want to thank First Selectman Richard Barlow for all he has done over many years to spearhead this effort at home.

Finally, as I mentioned, 1½ years ago, when this bill first came to the floor, I want to honor two gentlemen, Art Fournier and Mark Quattro, environmental and community leaders who sadly are no longer with us, but who championed this effort for many years. We could not be here today without their efforts.

Mr. Speaker, roughly 5,000 bills have been introduced in the House of Rep-

resentatives this Congress. Of those 5,000 pieces of legislation, this bill, H.R. 316, represents just the 167th bill which hopefully will pass both the House and the Senate.

I am honored and humbled to be able to work with colleagues across the aisle in this Congress to advance clean energy legislation that empowers local communities to harness local resources to produce renewable electricity and, at the same time, supports and advances local economic development.

There is much more that we can and should do to advance energy production and to protect our environment, but today is an excellent start.

I urge my colleagues to support the motion to concur in the Senate Amendment to H.R. 316.

Mr. KINZINGER of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I will just say this is a good bill, and I urge my colleagues to support it.

I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. SARBANES. Mr. Speaker, I, too, would like to congratulate Ms. ESTY of Connecticut. This is an important bill. I salute her persistence.

With that, I urge my colleagues to support it, and I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. KINZINGER) that the House suspend the rules and concur in the Senate amendment to the bill, H.R. 316.

The question was taken.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. In the opinion of the Chair, two-thirds being in the affirmative, the ayes have it.

Mr. KINZINGER of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, on that I demand the yeas and nays.

The yeas and nays were ordered.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, further proceedings on this motion will be postponed.

THERMAL INSULATION EFFICIENCY IMPROVEMENT ACT

Mr. KINZINGER of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 4801) to require the Secretary of Energy to prepare a report on the impact of thermal insulation on both energy and water use for potable hot water.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The text of the bill is as follows:

H.R. 4801

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. REPORT ON ENERGY AND WATER SAVINGS POTENTIAL FROM THERMAL INSULATION.

(a) REPORT.—Not later than 1 year after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Energy, in consultation with appropriate Federal agencies and relevant stakeholders, shall submit to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources of the Senate and the Committee on Energy and Commerce of the House of Representatives a report on the impact of thermal insulation on both en-

ergy and water use systems for potable hot and chilled water in Federal buildings, and the return on investment of installing such insulation.

(b) CONTENTS.—The report shall include—

(1) an analysis based on the cost of municipal or regional water for delivered water and the avoided cost of new water; and

(2) a summary of energy and water savings, including short term and long term (20 years) projections of such savings.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. KINZINGER) and the gentleman from Maryland (Mr. SARBANES) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Illinois.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. KINZINGER of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days in which to revise and extend their remarks and insert extraneous materials in the RECORD on the bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Illinois?

There was no objection.

Mr. KINZINGER of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

I thank the Speaker for the time today to discuss H.R. 4801, the Thermal Insulation Efficiency Improvement Act.

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Today, millions of gallons of water and energy are wasted due to heating losses that could be prevented through the increased use of thermal insulation. The purpose of this legislation is to help identify opportunities in which we can maximize energy and water efficiency through the minimization of waste in our Federal facilities.

With the Federal Government being the single-largest consumer of energy in the country, the potential savings from the increased use of thermal insulation has the potential to be very significant in the amount of resources, both natural and financial, that can be saved.

For example, we have seen what the benefits of mechanical insulation maintenance in commercial buildings can be, with savings potentially topping \$4.8 billion annually. That is enough energy savings to light nearly 4 million homes per year.

Up to this point, there have only been small-scale studies conducted to show the benefits such insulation can have on water and energy resources that are otherwise being wasted. The potential increase in energy efficiency is tremendous, as has been shown through the use of mechanical insulation, but this has not yet been demonstrated on a large scale.

That is why I introduced H.R. 4801 with Congressman MCNERNEY. This legislation takes a step in the right direction in demonstrating the benefits of thermal insulation not only to the private sector, but to show the Federal Government how it can increase energy

efficiency and cost savings by applying these techniques in our Federal facilities. The bill does this by simply having the Department of Energy compile a study on the impact of thermal insulation on both energy and hot and cold water systems in Federal buildings.

I believe the addition of thermal insulation to the proper systems in our Federal facilities is both a relatively simple yet cost-effective way to reduce heat gains and losses that result in money simply going up in thin air. Estimates also show that thermal insulation saves up to 500 times more energy over its lifespan than its cost, which translates into fairly generous returns on energy efficiency. Simply put, thermal insulation saves energy, water, and money.

Once again, I urge passage of this bill.

I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. SARBANES. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, I encourage my colleagues to support this bipartisan bill sponsored by Mr. KINZINGER and Mr. MCNERNEY.

The bill is straightforward. It simply tasks the Department of Energy with preparing a report on the impacts of using thermal insulation in Federal buildings.

Insulating ducts and pipes can prevent a significant amount of energy from being wasted. That saves taxpayers money and it reduces pollution. This bill would ensure that the Department of Energy quantifies those potential savings so that the Federal Government can make commonsense energy efficiency investments.

The bill has broad stakeholder support and was reported by voice vote in the Energy and Commerce Committee.

Again, I congratulate my colleagues for their collaboration on this bill, and I urge my colleagues in the full House to support it.

With that, I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. KINZINGER of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, once again, I want to thank Congressman MCNERNEY for working with me diligently on this. I thank my colleagues on both sides of the aisle, and I urge passage of the bill.

I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. KINZINGER) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 4801.

The question was taken; and (two-thirds being in the affirmative) the rules were suspended and the bill was passed.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

WORLD WAR II MEMORIAL PRAYER ACT OF 2013

Mr. HASTINGS of Washington. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (S. 1044) to direct the Secretary of the Interior to install in

the area of the World War II Memorial in the District of Columbia a suitable plaque or an inscription with the words that President Franklin D. Roosevelt prayed with the United States on D-day, June 6, 1944.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The text of the bill is as follows:

S. 1044

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the “World War II Memorial Prayer Act of 2013”.

SEC. 2. PLACEMENT OF PLAQUE OR INSCRIPTION AT WORLD WAR II MEMORIAL.

The Secretary of the Interior—

(1) shall install in the area of the World War II Memorial in the District of Columbia a suitable plaque or an inscription with the words that President Franklin D. Roosevelt prayed with the United States on June 6, 1944, the morning of D-Day;

(2) shall design, procure, prepare, and install the plaque or inscription referred to in paragraph (1); and

(3) may not use Federal funds to prepare or install the plaque or inscription referred to in paragraph (1), but may accept and expend private contributions for this purpose.

SEC. 3. COMMEMORATIVE WORKS ACT.

Chapter 89 of title 40, United States Code (commonly known as the “Commemorative Works Act”), shall apply to the design and placement of the plaque within the area of the World War II Memorial.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from Washington (Mr. HASTINGS) and the gentlewoman from Massachusetts (Ms. TSONGAS) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Washington.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. HASTINGS of Washington. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material on the bill under consideration.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Washington?

There was no objection.

Mr. HASTINGS of Washington. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, S. 1044 authorizes the Department of the Interior to place a plaque in the area of the World War II Memorial with the inscription of the words President Franklin Roosevelt prayed on the morning of D-day. This is especially appropriate because, only days ago, we commemorated the 70th anniversary of D-day and the tremendous sacrifice of American and Allied forces on that day.

I would like to note that there has been some controversy in recent years over the omission of the words “so help us God” from the inscription of Roosevelt’s address to Congress following Pearl Harbor. This legislation will go in the direction of easing those concerns with the addition of the D-day prayer.

The inscription will be modest in size to complement the existing World War

II Memorial and will be paid for through private fundraising efforts.

Our colleague from Ohio (Mr. JOHNSON) should be commended for authorizing and moving the House companion measure of this bill in the last two Congresses. This is a Senate bill. Nevertheless, the gentleman from Ohio has his fingerprints all over this, and I commend him for that.

With that, I reserve the balance of my time.

Ms. TSONGAS. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

As Chairman HASTINGS has said, S. 1044 directs the Secretary of the Interior to install a plaque or an inscription in the area of the World War II Memorial with the 500-word prayer that President Franklin D. Roosevelt addressed to the Nation shortly after the D-day invasion began.

This bill authorizes the use of private contributions for the completion of this work and prohibits the use of Federal funds.

I have several concerns with this legislation, including the fact that the addition of the prayer could take away from the original intent of the existing memorial, which is to honor the brave members of the Armed Forces who served in World War II, including my father, who survived the attack on Pearl Harbor.

However, I would like to thank the sponsors of the bill for their willingness to work with the administration to allow for flexibility in determining the design and location of the plaque and inscription.

With that, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. HASTINGS of Washington. Mr. Speaker, I am very pleased to yield 5 minutes to the gentleman from Ohio (Mr. JOHNSON), the author of the companion House bill of this legislation.

Mr. JOHNSON of Ohio. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. Speaker, today, I rise in strong support of S. 1044, the World War II Memorial Prayer Act, legislation that was introduced by Senator ROB PORTMAN and that recently passed the Senate by unanimous consent.

I introduced companion legislation both in this session of Congress and the 112th session. In fact, the House passed my legislation on January 24, 2012, by a vote of 386–26, but, unfortunately, the Senate failed to act in 2012.

However, on the eve of the 70th anniversary of D-day this year, the Senate came around and passed this legislation. Once we pass this bill today, it will go on to the President’s desk, and I hope he wastes no time in signing it into law.

This legislation directs the Secretary of the Interior to install at the World War II Memorial a suitable plaque or an inscription with the words that President Franklin Roosevelt prayed with the Nation on the morning of the D-day invasion. This prayer, which has been entitled “Let Our Hearts Be Stout,” gave solace, comfort, and

strength to our Nation and our brave warriors as we fought against tyranny and oppression.

The memorial was built to honor the 16 million who served in the Armed Forces of the United States during World War II, as well as the more than 400,000 who died during the war.

Prior to introducing the legislation in 2011, I spoke to many World War II veterans in Ohio and asked them if they thought putting this prayer on the memorial would be appropriate. The answer was a resounding “yes.”

It seems to me that if the remaining veterans of World War II are supportive of the prayer being added, we as a Nation should honor that request.

You don't have to take my word for it, though, because 2 years ago, Poppy Fowler, a constituent of mine, testified before the House Natural Resources Committee in favor of this legislation. Poppy is now 90 years young, and served 3 years, 10 days, 1 hour, and 10 minutes in the United States Navy during World War II. He flew 35 missions in Air Group 15 on an SB2C Helldiver as both a rear gunner and photographer.

I had the pleasure of escorting Poppy on an Honor Flight trip to visit the World War II Memorial, and he and I became friends. Here is a brief excerpt of Poppy's testimony at that hearing:

I feel, with no doubt, that it would be appropriate that this prayer be inscribed in some manner at the World War II Memorial. Those reading this prayer will be able to recall the sacrifices made by our military, also those on the home front.

This prayer came at a perilous time, yet it was answered in victory at a dear cost of lives.

Today, this prayer can pertain to any military action. Under present circumstances, it is also appropriate.

I don't think anyone in this body could be more succinct and articulate than Mr. Fowler.

Like Poppy, I also have no doubt that the prayer should be included among the tributes to the Greatest Generation memorialized on the National Mall.

It is vitally important that the President signs this legislation as quickly as possible because time is of the essence. As some may know, there is estimated to be just over 1.5 million World War II veterans still living. Furthermore, it is estimated that roughly 600 World War II vets are dying every day.

In other words, each week that goes by that this legislation does not become law, approximately 4,000 more World War II vets will have passed away without seeing this prayer added to their memorial.

I want to thank Chairman HASTINGS and Chairman BISHOP for their hard work and efforts to get to where we are today. They have been champions of this legislation over the past 3 years, and we wouldn't be here without their help.

I strongly encourage all of my colleagues to vote “yes” on this legislation and to take this opportunity to honor the Greatest Generation by add-

ing this prayer to the World War II Memorial.

Ms. TSONGAS. Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to vote “no” on this legislation. With that, I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. HASTINGS of Washington. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, this is a good piece of legislation. In the last two Congresses, both bodies have acted on this. It is now our time to pass this legislation and get it to the President's desk.

With that, I urge adoption of the legislation, and I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Washington (Mr. HASTINGS) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, S. 1044.

The question was taken.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. In the opinion of the Chair, two-thirds being in the affirmative, the ayes have it.

Mr. HASTINGS of Washington. Mr. Speaker, on that I demand the yeas and nays.

The yeas and nays were ordered.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, further proceedings on this motion will be postponed.

REVOCATION OF MIAMI TRIBE OF OKLAHOMA CHARTER

Mr. HASTINGS of Washington. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 4002) to revoke the charter of incorporation of the Miami Tribe of Oklahoma at the request of that tribe, and for other purposes.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The text of the bill is as follows:

H.R. 4002

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. REVOCATION OF CHARTER OF INCORPORATION.

The request of the Miami Tribe of Oklahoma to surrender the charter of incorporation issued to that tribe and ratified by its members on June 1, 1940, pursuant to the Act of June 26, 1936 (25 U.S.C. 501 et seq.; commonly known as the “Oklahoma Welfare Act”), is hereby accepted and that charter of incorporation is hereby revoked.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from Washington (Mr. HASTINGS) and the gentlewoman from Massachusetts (Ms. TSONGAS) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Washington.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. HASTINGS of Washington. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material on the bill under consideration.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Washington.

There was no objection?

Mr. HASTINGS of Washington. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, H.R. 4002, which is sponsored by our colleague from Oklahoma (Mr. MULLIN), is a one-line bill to grant a request submitted by the Miami Tribe of Oklahoma to revoke its charter of incorporation, which was issued in 1940 under a 1936 act of Congress.

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The charter of incorporation is a New Deal era legal instrument through which a tribe may administer its business activities. However, the tribe has never used its corporate charter because it imposes undesirable restrictions on its activities. It instead manages its business activities pursuant to the authority of the tribal constitution.

Only Congress may revoke a charter of incorporation duly issued to and ratified by a tribe. In accordance with the express wishes of the tribe's leadership, our colleague who represents the tribe in the House sponsored H.R. 4002. The Subcommittee on Indian and Alaska Native Affairs held a hearing on this bill on March 27, 2014. The Department of the Interior testified that it had no objection to the bill, and we see no reason for any Member to object to it either.

I commend my colleague from Oklahoma for performing this important constituent service, and I urge my colleagues to pass this bill.

I reserve the balance of my time.

Ms. TSONGAS. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

(Ms. TSONGAS asked and was given permission to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. TSONGAS. Mr. Speaker, at the request of the Miami Tribe of Oklahoma, H.R. 4002 simply revokes a corporate charter issued to it by the Federal Government.

Under the Oklahoma Indian Welfare Act and the Indian Reorganization Act, many tribes were issued corporate charters in the 1930s and 1940s that were aimed at enabling them to better manage their own affairs and pursue business relationships with private entities. For some tribes, these corporate charters have proven unnecessary and end up hindering their business opportunities as they inevitably come up in negotiations with private entities and are looked upon with suspicion.

The charter must be revoked by an act of Congress, and Mr. MULLIN, on behalf of his constituent, is simply complying with the tribe's request through this bill. Similar bills have passed over the years without event. I ask my colleagues to stand with me in support of this noncontroversial bill.

I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. HASTINGS of Washington. Mr. Speaker, I am very pleased to yield 2 minutes to the gentleman from Oklahoma (Mr. MULLIN), the author of this legislation.

Mr. MULLIN. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of legislation that aims to help out one of my local tribes, the Miami Tribe of Oklahoma. I was approached by Chief Lankford, and at his request, I crafted this bill to remove an inoperable financial charter of the Miami Tribe of Oklahoma's. The bill is needed because these charters can only be revoked through an act of Congress.

The tribe has said that this outdated charter often hinders business and economic development. It imposes restrictions on the operation of business activities that are unrealistic in today's business environment. My bill removes the charter and those unneeded barriers for business for this tribe. I ask all of my colleagues to support this.

Ms. TSONGAS. Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. HASTINGS of Washington. Mr. Speaker, this is a good piece of legislation, and I urge its passage.

I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Washington (Mr. HASTINGS) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 4002.

The question was taken; and (two-thirds being in the affirmative) the rules were suspended and the bill was passed.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

NASHUA RIVER WILD AND SCENIC RIVER STUDY ACT

Mr. HASTINGS of Washington. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 412) to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate segments of the mainstem of the Nashua River and its tributaries in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts for study for potential addition to the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System, and for other purposes, as amended.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The text of the bill is as follows:

H.R. 412

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "Nashua River Wild and Scenic River Study Act".

SEC. 2. DESIGNATION FOR STUDY.

Section 5(a) of the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act (16 U.S.C. 1276(a)) is amended by adding at the end the following:

"() NASHUA RIVER, MASSACHUSETTS.—(A) The approximately 19-mile segment of the mainstem of the Nashua River from the confluence of the North and South Nashua Rivers in Lancaster, Massachusetts, north to the Massachusetts/New Hampshire State line, except the approximately 4.8-mile segment of the mainstem of the Nashua River from the Route 119 bridge in Groton, Massachusetts, downstream to its confluence with the Nissitissit River in Pepperell, Massachusetts.

"(B) The 10-mile segment of the Squannacook River from its headwaters at Ash Swamp downstream to its confluence with the Nashua River in Shirley/Ayer, Massachusetts.

"(C) The 3.5-mile segment of the Nissitissit River from the Massachusetts/New Hampshire State line downstream to its confluence with the Nashua River in Pepperell, Massachusetts."

SEC. 3. STUDY AND REPORT.

Section 5(b) of the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act (16 U.S.C. 1276(b)) is amended by adding at the end the following:

"() STUDY AND REPORT.—Not later than 3 years after the date on which funds are made available to carry out this paragraph, the Secretary of the Interior shall complete the study of the Nashua River in Massachusetts and New Hampshire, as described in subsection (a)(), and submit a report describing the results of that study to the Committee on Natural Resources of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources of the Senate."

SEC. 4. REPORT REQUIREMENTS.

The report required under section 3 of this Act shall—

(1) include a discussion of the effect of the designation of the area to be studied under this Act under the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act on—

(A) existing commercial and recreational activities, such as hunting, fishing, trapping, recreational shooting, motor boat use, or bridge construction;

(B) the authorization, construction, operation, maintenance, or improvement of energy production and transmission infrastructure; and

(C) the authority of State and local governments to manage those activities encompassed in subparagraphs (A) and (B); and

(2) identify—

(A) all authorities that will authorize or require the Secretary of the Interior to influence local land use decisions (such as zoning) or place restrictions on non-Federal land if the area studied under this Act is designated under the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act;

(B) all authorities that the Secretary of the Interior may use to condemn property if the area studied under this Act is designated under the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act; and

(C) all private property located in the area to be studied under this Act.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from Washington (Mr. HASTINGS) and the gentlewoman from Massachusetts (Ms. TSONGAS) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Washington.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. HASTINGS of Washington. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous materials on the bill under consideration.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Washington?

There was no objection.

Mr. HASTINGS of Washington. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

H.R. 412 authorizes the National Park Service to study 32.5 miles of river in Massachusetts and New Hampshire for inclusion into the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System.

The legislation requires that, in the course of the study, the National Park Service consider the effect of designation on recreational uses, such as hunting and fishing, but also consider impacts to energy production and transmission. I would like to note that this legislation exempts a 4.8-mile segment

that is currently the subject of a FERC licensing proceeding to avoid the inherent conflict between hydroelectric facilities and the Wild and Scenic Rivers program. H.R. 412 requires the study take steps to inform the public of the consequences a future designation may bring. The study will identify all authorities that could be utilized to take property through eminent domain and those authorities that compel the Park Service to involve itself in local zoning.

Property owners must not be left in the dark as to the result of this Federal designation on their properties. For the study process to be authentically derived from the community, the facts and limitations on property rights must be revealed in the process.

With that, Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Ms. TSONGAS. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

I rise in support of my legislation, H.R. 412, the Nashua River Wild and Scenic River Study Act.

First, I want to thank Chairman HASTINGS for bringing this legislation to the floor. As we all know, Chairman HASTINGS will be retiring at the end of this year, so I want to especially thank him for his service on the Natural Resources Committee, and I wish him all the best.

I also want to thank Ranking Member DEFAZIO, Subcommittee Chairman BISHOP, and Subcommittee Ranking Member GRIJALVA for their support of this legislation.

The history and development of the towns and cities in the Third District of Massachusetts have been defined by the many rivers that course through these unique communities. From the mighty Merrimack River that supported the birth of the industrial revolution in Lowell to the Concord River where a famous shot was heard around the world, our rivers continue to play an important role in connecting our communities, but time and development have not always been kind to these rivers.

Beginning in the 1700s and continuing to just a few decades ago, paper, shoe, and textile factories were constructed along the Nashua River and many other rivers in the area. The strong currents of the rivers powered the factories and made their success possible; but at the same time, the factories were releasing industrial waste right back into the rivers, polluting the very source of their success. By the mid-1960s, the Nashua River was one of the most polluted rivers in the Nation. In fact, the river would change color almost daily because of the inks and dyes released into the river by the paper factories; but in 1965, one Third District resident, Marion Stoddart, realized that something had to be done. Ms. Stoddart formed the Nashua River Clean-up Committee to work toward cleaning up the river and protecting the land along its banks.

Thanks to her work and to the continued work of the Nashua River Watershed Association, the Nashua River has come a long way since the 1960s. Pollution from the mills has been cleaned up; new sewage treatment plants now keep sewage out of the river; and more than 8,000 acres of land and 85 miles of greenway along the riverbanks have been permanently conserved. I can't praise Marion enough and all of the dedicated residents, volunteers, and association staff who have spent countless hours working to make sure that the Nashua River can once again be an asset and resource to the communities through which it passes.

There is still much work to be done, and that is why I partnered with the Nashua River Watershed Association to introduce H.R. 412, a bill that will initiate a 3-year study to determine whether, roughly, 28 miles of the Nashua River and its tributaries can be designated as Wild and Scenic Rivers. This study will allow the National Park Service, the Watershed Association, and local governments and stakeholders to work together in forming a plan to protect the Nashua River.

Every town through which the Nashua River passes, in addition to several local environmental organizations, supports the adoption of this legislation. Additionally, my office just received the results of a reconnaissance survey conducted by the National Park Service. The Park Service found:

The elements for a successful Wild and Scenic River Study process for the Nashua River and its tributaries in Massachusetts are in place.

In 1999, 29 miles of the nearby Assabet, Sudbury, and Concord Rivers were designated as Wild and Scenic Rivers. Since then, we have seen how this designation can help protect not only the quality of the rivers but the quality of the recreational activities they support. It is my hope that the Wild and Scenic designation can be expanded to the Nashua River so that we can see the same successes there. The study that H.R. 412 will initiate is essential to starting this process.

In closing, I would like to again thank Chairman HASTINGS and Chairman BISHOP for bringing this bill to the floor.

I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. HASTINGS of Washington. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself the balance of my time.

I want to thank my colleague from Massachusetts for her kind words on this. I know that she has been working on this legislation for the past at least two Congresses, and she knows that some of us on our side of the aisle have some concerns with that; but in working with her, we have legislation that we can support, and I urge the adoption of this legislation.

I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Washington (Mr. HASTINGS) that the House suspend the

rules and pass the bill, H.R. 412, as amended.

The question was taken; and (two-thirds being in the affirmative) the rules were suspended and the bill, as amended, was passed.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Clerk of the House of Representatives:

OFFICE OF THE CLERK,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, June 20, 2014.

Hon. JOHN A. BOEHNER,
The Speaker, House of Representatives, Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: Pursuant to the permission granted in Clause 2(h) of Rule II of the Rules of the U.S. House of Representatives, I have the honor to transmit a sealed envelope received from the White House on June 20, 2014, at 2:37 p.m., and said to contain a message from the President whereby he submits a copy of a notice filed earlier with the Federal Register continuing the emergency with North Korea first declared in Executive Order 13466 of June 26, 2008.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely,

KAREN L. HAAS,
Clerk of the House.

CONTINUATION OF THE NATIONAL EMERGENCY WITH RESPECT TO NORTH KOREA—MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES (H. DOC. NO. 113-124)

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following message from the President of the United States; which was read and, together with the accompanying papers, referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and ordered to be printed:

To the Congress of the United States:

Section 202(d) of the National Emergencies Act (50 U.S.C. 1522(d)) provides for the automatic termination of a national emergency unless, within 90 days prior to the anniversary date of its declaration, the President publishes in the *Federal Register* and transmits to the Congress a notice stating that the emergency is to continue in effect beyond the anniversary date. In accordance with this provision, I have sent to the *Federal Register* for publication the enclosed notice stating that the national emergency with respect to North Korea that was declared in Executive Order (E.O.) 13466 of June 26, 2008, expanded in scope in E.O. 13551 of August 30, 2010, and addressed further in E.O. 13570 of April 18, 2011, is to continue in effect beyond June 26, 2014.

The existence and risk of proliferation of weapons-usable fissile material on the Korean Peninsula, and the actions and policies of the Government of North Korea that destabilize the Korean Peninsula and imperil U.S. Armed Forces, allies, and trading partners in

the region, continue to constitute an unusual and extraordinary threat to the national security, foreign policy, and economy of the United States. For this reason, I have determined that it is necessary to continue the national emergency with respect to North Korea.

BARACK OBAMA,
THE WHITE HOUSE, June 20, 2014.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess until approximately 6:30 p.m.

Accordingly (at 4 o'clock and 59 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess.

□ 1832

AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. PITTENGER) at 6 o'clock and 32 minutes p.m.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, proceedings will resume on motions to suspend the rules previously postponed.

Votes will be taken in the following order:

S. 1044, by the yeas and nays; and the Senate amendment to H.R. 316, by the yeas and nays.

The first electronic vote will be conducted as a 15-minute vote. The remaining electronic vote will be conducted as a 5-minute vote.

WORLD WAR II MEMORIAL PRAYER ACT OF 2013

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The unfinished business is the vote on the motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill (S. 1044) to direct the Secretary of the Interior to install in the area of the World War II Memorial in the District of Columbia a suitable plaque or an inscription with the words that President Franklin D. Roosevelt prayed with the United States on D-day, June 6, 1944, on which the yeas and nays were ordered.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Washington (Mr. HASTINGS) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 370, nays 12, not voting 49, as follows:

[Roll No. 339]

YEAS—370

Aderholt	Barletta	Becerra
Amash	Barr	Benish
Amodei	Barrow (GA)	Bentivoglio
Bachmann	Barton	Bera (CA)
Bachus	Bass	Bilirakis
Barber	Beatty	Bishop (GA)

Bishop (NY)
Bishop (UT)
Black
Blackburn
Blumenauer
Boustany
Brady (PA)
Brady (TX)
Braley (IA)
Bridenstine
Brooks (AL)
Brooks (IN)
Broun (GA)
Brownley (CA)
Buchanan
Bucshon
Bustos
Butterfield
Byrne
Calvert
Camp
Capito
Capps
Capuano
Cárdenas
Carney
Carson (IN)
Cartwright
Castor (FL)
Chabot
Chaffetz
Cicilline
Clarke (NY)
Clay
Cleaver
Clyburn
Coble
Coffman
Cole
Collins (GA)
Collins (NY)
Conaway
Connolly
Conyers
Cook
Cooper
Costa
Cotton
Courtney
Cramer
Crenshaw
Crowley
Cuellar
Culberson
Cummings
Daines
Davis (CA)
Davis, Danny
Davis, Rodney
DeFazio
DeGette
Delaney
DeLauro
DeBene
Denham
Dent
DeSantis
DesJarlais
Diaz-Balart
Dingell
Doggett
Doyle
Duffy
Duncan (SC)
Duncan (TN)
Edwards
Ellmers
Engel
Enyart
Eshoo
Esty
Farenthold
Farr
Fattah
Fincher
Fleischmann
Fleming
Flores
Foster
Fox
Frankel (FL)
Franks (AZ)
Frelinghuysen
Fudge
Gabbard
Gallo
Garamendi
Garcia
Gardner

Garrett
Gerlach
Gibbs
Gibson
Gingrey (GA)
Gohmert
Goodlatte
Gosar
Gowdy
Granger
Graves (MO)
Grayson
Green, Al
Green, Gene
Griffin (AR)
Griffith (VA)
Grijalva
Grimm
Guthrie
Hahn
Harris
Hartzler
Hastings (FL)
Hastings (WA)
Heck (NV)
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Hensarling
Herrera Beutler
Higgins
Himes
Hinojosa
Holding
Holt
Horsford
Hoyer
Hudson
Huelskamp
Huffman
Huizenga (MI)
Hultgren
Hunter
Hurt
Israel
Issa
Jackson Lee
Jeffries
Jenkins
Johnson (OH)
Johnson, E. B.
Johnson, Sam
Jolly
Jones
Jordan
Joyce
Kaptur
Keating
Kelly (IL)
Kelly (PA)
Kennedy
Kildee
Kilmer
Kind
King (IA)
King (NY)
Kinzinger (IL)
Kirkpatrick
Kline
Kuster
Labrador
LaMalfa
Lamborn
Lance
Langevin
Larsen (WA)
Larsen (CT)
Latham
Latta
Levin
Lewis
LoBiondo
Loeb
Loftis
Long
Lowenthal
Lowe
Lucas
Luetkemeyer
Luján, Ben Ray
(NM)
Lummis
Lynch
Maffei
Maloney
Carolyn
Maloney, Sean
Marchant
Massie
Matheson
Matsui

McCarthy (CA)
McCarthy (NY)
McCauley
McClintock
McCollum
McDermott
McGovern
McHenry
McIntyre
McKinley
McMorris
Rodgers
McNerney
Meadows
Meng
Messer
Mica
Michaud
Miller (FL)
Miller (MI)
Moore
Moran
Mullin
Mulvaney
Murphy (FL)
Murphy (PA)
Napolitano
Neal
Negrete McLeod
Neugebauer
Noem
Nolan
Carter
Nugent
Nunes
Olson
Owens
Palazzo
Pallone
Pascarelli
Paulsen
Payne
Pearce
Pelosi
Perlmutter
Perry
Peters (CA)
Peterson
Petri
Pingree (ME)
Pittenger
Pitts
Poe (TX)
Posey
Price (GA)
Price (NC)
Quigley
Rahall
Reed
Reichert
Renacci
Ribble
Rice (SC)
Richmond
Rigell
Roe (TN)
Rogers (AL)
Rogers (KY)
Rogers (MI)
Rokita
Rooney
Ros-Lehtinen
Ross
Rothfus
Roybal-Allard
Royce
Ruiz
Ruppersberger
Ryan (WI)
Salmon
Sanchez, Linda
T.
Sanchez, Loretta
Sanford
Sarbanes
Scalise
Schakowsky
Schiff
Schneider
Schock
Schrader
Schwartz
Schweikert
Scott, Austin
Scott, David
Sensenbrenner
Sessions
Sewell (AL)
Sherman
Shimkus

Shuster
Simpson
Sinema
Sires
Slaughter
Smith (MO)
Smith (NE)
Smith (NJ)
Smith (TX)
Southernland
Speier
Stewart
Stivers
Stockman
Stutzman
Swalwell (CA)
Takano
Terry
Thompson (CA)
Thompson (MS)
Thompson (PA)
Thornberry
Tiberi
Tierney
Tipton
Titus
Tonko
Turner
Upton
Valadao
Van Hollen
Vargas
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Vela
Visclosky
Wagner
Walberg
Walden
Walorski
Walz
Bonamici
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Clark (MA)
Duckworth
Brown (FL)
Burgess
Campbell
Cantor
Lee (CA)
Lipinski
Lujan Grisham
(NM)
Marino
McAllister
McKeon
Meehan
Meeks
Miller, Gary
Miller, George
Nunnelee
Pastor (AZ)

Wasserman
Schultz
Waters
Weber (TX)
Webster (FL)
Welch
Wenstrup
Westmoreland
Whitfield
Wilson (FL)
Wilson (SC)
Wittman
Wolf
Womack
Woodall
Yarmuth
Yoder
Yoho
Young (AK)
Young (IN)
O'Rourke
Pocan
Scott (VA)
Tsongas
Peters (MI)
Polis
Pompeo
Rangel
Roby
Rohrabacher
Roskam
Runyan
Rush
Ryan (OH)
Serrano
Shea-Porter
Smith (WA)
Velázquez
Waxman
Williams

name of ERIC SWALWELL, who was a great player and who was the high scorer in the game; and also, as goalie, he stopped a lot of goals.

□ 1900

Mr. Speaker, I would just like to thank the people who participated in the Soccer Caucus, cochair DAVID REICHERT—Congressman REICHERT and TODD YOUNG. We also want to thank the captain of the Democratic team, MIKE MCINTYRE; and ERIK PAULSEN played very well.

Finally, I want to acknowledge GEORGE MILLER, who is a cochair of the caucus.

Mr. Speaker, I just want to thank the U.S. Soccer Foundation for all their support for soccer, for all the good work they do to promote soccer among the youth in our country.

Now, it gives me great pleasure to yield to the cochair of the Soccer Caucus, former Division I player at the Naval Academy, TODD YOUNG.

Mr. YOUNG of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, I commend the gentleman and his team. Congratulations to the Democrats.

The Republican side fought hard. We had a late surge, and we came up short by one goal, but this was for a greater cause than ourselves, promoting the sport of soccer among the youth of America; and I, too, would add: Go USA.

COLLINSVILLE RENEWABLE ENERGY PRODUCTION ACT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, 5-minute voting will continue.

There was no objection.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The unfinished business is the vote on the motion to suspend the rules and concur in the Senate amendment to the bill (H.R. 316) to reinstate and transfer certain hydroelectric licenses and extend the deadline for commencement of construction of certain hydroelectric projects, on which the yeas and nays were ordered.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. KINZINGER) that the House suspend the rules and concur in the Senate amendment.

This is a 5-minute vote.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 379, nays 3, not voting 49, as follows:

[Roll No. 340]

YEAS—379

Aderholt	Benishek	Boustany
Amodei	Bentivolio	Brady (PA)
Bachmann	Bera (CA)	Brady (TX)
Bachus	Bilirakis	Braley (IA)
Barber	Bishop (GA)	Bridenstine
Barletta	Bishop (NY)	Brooks (AL)
Barr	Bishop (UT)	Brooks (IN)
Barrow (GA)	Black	Broun (GA)
Barton	Blackburn	Brownley (CA)
Beatty	Blumenauer	Buchanan
Becerra	Bonomici	Bucshon

SECOND ANNUAL CAPITAL SOCCER CLASSIC

(Mr. VAN HOLLEN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. VAN HOLLEN. Mr. Speaker, I think we all know that the entire Nation is cheering on Team USA in the World Cup right now, and we are happy that they are going to continue to do well; but, Mr. Speaker, I would like to bring the body's attention to another hard-fought game, which was the second annual Capital Soccer Classic. In a very close game, the Democrats edged out the Republicans by a score of 7-6, and we will have the plaque.

Mr. Speaker, I have to confess that both teams benefited from having some professional players on both sides, but the Democrats had a ringer in the

Bustos
Butterfield
Byrne
Calvert
Camp
Capito
Capps
Capuano
Carney
Carson (IN)
Cartwright
Castor (FL)
Castro (TX)
Chabot
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Clark (MA)
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Cleaver
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Collins (GA)
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Costa
Cotton
Courtney
Cramer
Crenshaw
Crowley
Cuellar
Culberson
Cummings
Daines
Davis (CA)
Davis, Danny
Davis, Rodney
DeFazio
DeGette
Delaney
DeLauro
DelBene
Denham
Dent
DeSantis
DesJarlais
Diaz-Balart
Dingell
Doggett
Doyle
Duckworth
Duffy
Duncan (TN)
Edwards
Ellison
Ellmers
Engel
Enyart
Eshoo
Esty
Farenthold
Farr
Fattah
Fincher
Fleischmann
Fleming
Flores
Foster
Foxy
Frankel (FL)
Franks (AZ)
Frelinghuysen
Fudge
Gabbard
Galleo
Garamendi
Garcia
Gardner
Garrett
Gerlach
Gibbs
Gibson
Gingrey (GA)
Gohmert
Goodlatte
Gosar
Gowdy
Granger
Graves (MO)
Grayson
Green, Al

Green, Gene
Griffin (AR)
Griffith (VA)
Grijalva
Grimm
Guthrie
Hahn
Harris
Hartzler
Hastings (FL)
Hastings (WA)
Heck (NV)
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Hensarling
Herrera Beutler
Higgins
Himes
Hinojosa
Holding
Holt
Honda
Horsford
Hoyer
Hudson
Huelskamp
Huffman
Huizenga (MI)
Hultgren
Hunter
Hurt
Israel
Issa
Jackson Lee
Jeffries
Jenkins
Johnson (GA)
Johnson (OH)
Johnson, E. B.
Johnson, Sam
Jolly
Jones
Jordan
Joyce
Kaptur
Keating
Kelly (IL)
Kelly (PA)
Kennedy
Kildee
Kilmer
Kind
King (IA)
King (NY)
Kinzinger (IL)
Kirkpatrick
Kline
Kuster
Labrador
LaMalfa
Lamborn
Lance
Langevin
Larsen (WA)
Larson (CT)
Latham
Latta
Levin
Lewis
LoBiondo
Loebach
Lofgren
Long
Lowenthal
Lowey
Lucas
Luetkemeyer
Lujan Grisham
(NM)
Luján, Ben Ray
(NM)
Lummis
Lynch
Maffei
Maloney,
Carolyn
Maloney, Sean
Marchant
Massie
Matheson
Matsui
McCarthy (CA)
McCarthy (NY)
McCaul
McClintock
McCollum
McDermott
McGovern
McHenry
McIntyre

McKinley
McMorris
Rodgers
McNerney
Meadows
Meng
Messer
Mica
Michaud
Miller (FL)
Miller (MI)
Moore
Moran
Mullin
Murphy (FL)
Murphy (PA)
Nadler
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Neal
Negrete McLeod
Neugebauer
Noem
Nolan
Nugent
Nunes
O'Rourke
Olson
Owens
Palazzo
Pallone
Pascrell
Paulsen
Payne
Pearce
Pelosi
Perlmutter
Perry
Peters (CA)
Peterson
Petri
Pingree (ME)
Pittenger
Pitts
Pocan
Poe (TX)
Posey
Price (GA)
Price (NC)
Quigley
Rahall
Reed
Reichert
Renacci
Ribble
Rice (SC)
Richmond
Rigell
Roe (TN)
Rogers (AL)
Rogers (KY)
Rogers (MI)
Rokita
Rooney
Ros-Lehtinen
Ross
Rothfus
Roybal-Allard
Royce
Ruiz
Ruppersberger
Ryan (WI)
Salmon
Sánchez, Linda
T.
Sanchez, Loretta
Sanford
Sarbanes
Scalise
Schakowsky
Schiff
Schneider
Schock
Schradler
Schwartz
Schweikert
Scott (VA)
Scott, Austin
Scott, David
Sensenbrenner
Sessions
Sewell (AL)
Sherman
Shimkus
Shuster
Simpson
Sinema
Sires
Slaughter
Smith (MO)

Smith (NE)
Smith (NJ)
Smith (TX)
Southernland
Speier
Stewart
Stivers
Stockman
Stutzman
Swalwell (CA)
Takano
Terry
Thompson (CA)
Thompson (MS)
Thompson (PA)
Thornberry
Tiberi
Tierney
Tipton

NAYS—3

Amash
Duncan (SC)

NOT VOTING—49

Bass
Brown (FL)
Burgess
Campbell
Cantor
Cárdenas
Carter
Cassidy
Cohen
Crawford
Deutsch
Fitzpatrick
Forbes
Fortenberry
Graves (GA)
Gutiérrez
Hall

□ 1908

So (two-thirds being in the affirmative) the rules were suspended and the Senate amendment was concurred in.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

REPORT ON RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 6, DOMESTIC PROSPERITY AND GLOBAL FREEDOM ACT; AND PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 3301, NORTH AMERICAN ENERGY INFRA-STRUCTURE ACT

Mr. BISHOP of Utah from the Committee on Rules, submitted a privileged report (Rept. No. 113-492) on the resolution (H. Res. 636) providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 6) to provide for expedited approval of exportation of natural gas to World Trade Organization countries, and for other purposes; and providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 3301) to require approval for the construction, connection, operation, or maintenance of oil or natural gas pipelines or electric transmission facilities at the national boundary of the United States for the import or export of oil, natural gas, or electricity to or from Canada or Mexico, and for other purposes, which was referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. LUCAS. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days in which to revise and extend their remarks on the bill, H.R. 4413.

Weber (TX)
Webster (FL)
Welch
Wenstrup
Westmoreland
Whitfield
Wilson (FL)
Wilson (SC)
Wittman
Wolf
Womack
Woodall
Yarmuth
Yoder
Yoho
Young (AK)
Young (IN)

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Oklahoma?
There was no objection.

AUTHORIZING THE CLERK TO MAKE CORRECTIONS IN ENGROSSMENT OF H.R. 4413, CUSTOMER PROTECTION AND END USER RELIEF ACT

Mr. LUCAS. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that in the enrollment of the bill, H.R. 4413, the Clerk is authorized to correct the table of contents, section numbers, punctuation, citations, cross references, and to make such other technical and conforming changes as may be necessary to reflect the actions of the House in amending this bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Oklahoma?

There was no objection.

CUSTOMER PROTECTION AND END USER RELIEF ACT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to House Resolution 629 and rule XVIII, the Chair declares the House in the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union for the consideration of the bill, H.R. 4413.

The Chair appoints the gentleman from Utah (Mr. BISHOP) to preside over the Committee of the Whole.

□ 1911

IN THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Accordingly, the House resolved itself into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union for the consideration of the bill (H.R. 4413) to reauthorize the Commodity Futures Trading Commission, to better protect futures customers, to provide end users with market certainty, to make basic reforms to ensure transparency and accountability at the Commission, to help farmers, ranchers, and end users manage risks to help keep consumer costs low, and for other purposes, with Mr. BISHOP of Utah in the chair.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The CHAIR. Pursuant to the rule, the bill is considered read the first time.

The gentleman from Oklahoma (Mr. LUCAS) and the gentleman from Minnesota (Mr. PETERSON) each will control 30 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Oklahoma.

Mr. LUCAS. Mr. Chairman, I yield myself as much time as I might consume.

Mr. Chairman, I rise today in strong support of H.R. 4413, the Customer Protection and End User Relief Act.

This is a bipartisan bill to reauthorize the Commodity Futures Trading Commission that I introduced along with my colleagues, Ranking Member COLLIN PETERSON and chairman and ranking member of the Subcommittee on General Farm Commodities and Risk Management, MIKE CONAWAY and DAVID SCOTT.

This bill is years in the making, and I want to thank my colleagues on both sides of the aisle for all of the hard work that they have put in to get us to this point.

Throughout this process, the committee, as well as the Subcommittee on General Farm Commodities and Risk Management, held numerous hearings, heard from a variety of stakeholders with a wide variety of perspectives.

We heard from end users representing farmers, ranchers, manufacturers, energy firms, and utilities. We heard testimony from every CFTC Commissioner and even foreign regulators. We also heard from exchanges, futures customers, and numerous other market participants.

Ultimately, we developed legislation to reauthorize and reform the CFTC in a way that would not only improve operations at the agency, but also protect customers from another market failure, as we saw with MF Global or PFGBEST.

Our efforts will also increase certainty in the marketplace and provide a more balanced approach to regulations impacting job creators.

I am proud to say this overwhelmingly bipartisan bill passed unanimously out of the Agriculture Committee by a voice vote.

First of all, H.R. 4413 will better protect farmers and ranchers who use the futures markets to manage their risk by cementing several new and existing protections into law.

These protections are designed to restore confidence in the marketplace following the failure of MF Global and PFGBEST, where customers, who thought their money was safely segregated, suffered severe financial loss due to the illegal use of their funds.

Such protections include requiring firms to calculate and report customer account balances electronically to regulators, requiring firms who become undercapitalized to immediately notify regulators, and imposing strict reporting and permission requirements before the movement of a customer's funds from one account to another.

Now, as for the reforms of the Commission, H.R. 4413 reauthorizes the appropriations to the agency through 2018. Furthermore, the bill strives to enhance the efficiency of the Commission operations and ensure all Commissioners' voices are heard in the regular order of a well-reasoned rulemaking process.

For example, H.R. 4413 closely follows an executive order issued by President Obama to improve the quality of cost-benefit analysis performed by the Commission prior to promulgating rules; requires division directors to serve at the pleasure of the entire Commission, rather than solely at the whim of the chairman; and clarifies the judicial review process of agency rules.

□ 1915

The Commission reform title also calls for the development of a much-

needed strategic technology plan to enhance market surveillance and the interpretation of collected data.

Importantly, H.R. 4413 also provides much-needed relief to end users. Those are the market participants who account for only 10 percent of the swaps market and had nothing to do with the 2008 financial crisis, yet represent 94 percent of U.S. job creators, including farmers, ranchers, manufacturers, energy firms, and utilities.

Due to the consideration of the Dodd-Frank Act, Congress clearly intended to exempt end users from some of the most costly new regulations. However, the CFTC has narrowly interpreted the law, resulting in burdensome and often arbitrary compliance requirements which have negatively impacted end users by making it more difficult and costly to manage the risks associated with their businesses.

To address these concerns, H.R. 4413 includes provisions which relieve business owners from arbitrary and costly record-keeping requirements, allow businesses to continue successful fuel-hedging strategies, and prevent the physical delivery of commodities from being unnecessarily regulated as swaps.

H.R. 4413 provides help to America's job creators by including five carefully crafted measures designed to enhance market certainty, which have previously passed the House of Representatives Agriculture Committee and the United States House of Representatives, with overwhelming bipartisan support, three of which received over 400 votes in favor.

In closing, the Customer Protection and End User Relief Act is a wide-ranging, bipartisan CFTC reauthorization bill that provides a blueprint for the newly elected Chairman and Commissioners to use in making numerous improvements at the Commission, better protects futures customers, and reduces burdens on America's job creators. I urge each of my colleagues to join me in supporting this bipartisan legislation.

I reserve the balance of my time.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE,
Washington, DC, May 21, 2014.

Hon. BOB GOODLATTE,
Chairman, Committee on the Judiciary, House of Representatives, Rayburn House Office Building, Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: Thank you for your letter regarding H.R. 4413, the Customer Protection and End User Relief Act. As you noted, there are provisions of the bill that fall within the Rule X jurisdiction of the Committee on the Judiciary.

I appreciate your willingness to forgo action on H.R. 4413, and I agree that your decision should not prejudice the Committee on the Judiciary with respect to the appointment of conferees or its jurisdictional prerogatives on this or similar legislation.

I will also include a copy of our exchange of letters in the Congressional Record during floor debate.

Thank you for your courtesy in this matter and I look forward to continued cooperation between our respective committees.

Sincerely,

FRANK D. LUCAS,
Chairman.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY,
Washington, DC, May 22, 2014.

Hon. FRANK D. LUCAS,
Chairman, Committee on Agriculture, Longworth House Office Building, Washington, DC.

DEAR CHAIRMAN LUCAS, I am writing with respect to H.R. 4413, the "Customer Protection and End User Relief Act," which the Committee on Agriculture ordered reported favorably on April 9, 2014. As a result of your having consulted with us on provisions in H.R. 4413 that fall within the Rule X jurisdiction of the Committee on the Judiciary, I agree to forego consideration of this bill so that it may proceed expeditiously to the House floor for consideration.

The Judiciary Committee takes this action with our mutual understanding that by foregoing consideration of H.R. 4413 at this time, we do not waive any jurisdiction over subject matter contained in this or similar legislation, and that our Committee will be appropriately consulted and involved as this bill or similar legislation moves forward so that we may address any remaining issues in our jurisdiction. Our Committee also reserves the right to seek appointment of an appropriate number of conferees to any House-Senate conference involving this or similar legislation, and asks that you support any such request.

I would appreciate a response to this letter confirming this understanding with respect to H.R. 4413, and would ask that a copy of our exchange of letters on this matter be included in the Congressional Record during Floor consideration of H.R. 4413.

Sincerely,

BOB GOODLATTE,
Chairman.

Mr. PETERSON. Mr. Chairman, I yield myself such time as I might consume.

The bill before us today is bipartisan, reasonable legislation to reauthorize the CFTC. I believe this bill strikes the necessary balance to actually become law.

The Dodd-Frank Act tasked the CFTC with implementing a variety of new regulations to better protect the derivative market participants, and while the Commission has made great progress, recent cases have demonstrated there is more work that needs to be done.

H.R. 4413 better protects farmers and ranchers who use the futures markets by cementing into law several new regulatory provisions that arose out of the MF Global bankruptcy and the fraud that occurred at Peregrine Financial. The bill requires electronic confirmation of customer fund account balances held at depository institutions and prohibits firms from moving customer funds from one account to another without regulators' knowledge. The bill also examines two issues that have recently gained notoriety: high-frequency trading and funding for the CFTC.

Michael Lewis' book "Flash Boys" has made high-frequency trading a hot topic. But what many people don't realize is that high-frequency trading in securities markets is very different from high-frequency trading in futures and other derivatives markets. This is why the bill directs the CFTC to thoroughly examine this practice and report back to Congress their findings.

And once we have a better understanding of high-frequency trading in the markets regulated by the CFTC, we can then determine if further legislative action is necessary.

The bill also directs GAO to examine CFTC's funding needs. There has been a lot of debate in the House about the agency's funding level and how the fund should be used. And I am not sure anybody really knows. So having an independent third party, like the GAO, look at this question will better inform the debate going forward.

As the chairman said, H.R. 4413 also provides some much-needed clarity to end users, agriculture and energy producers, and others who actually use the derivatives market to hedge against risk and did not cause the financial collapse. Congress never intended for these end users to be regulated in the same manner as financial entities, and H.R. 4413 makes that clear. The bill also incorporates legislation already passed by the House, with strong bipartisan support, including end user margin exemptions, indemnification requirements, and relief for municipal utilities.

I know Members have raised concerns about two particular provisions in this bill, the cost-benefit section and the cross-border section. The cost-benefit language mirrors President Obama's Executive Order 13563, which imposed cost-benefit assessment standards on all government departments. I didn't hear any complaints about increased workload when the executive order was issued. But there are some complaints about what is in this bill.

I guess because the executive order exempted cost-benefit standards from legal challenges, some have suggested that the financial industry will use this bill's new standards to challenge CFTC rulemaking. But, frankly, I think the financial industry will continue to sue the CFTC regardless of whether we change the cost-benefit standards or not. It is the industry's nature to fight regulation. We will also be considering some amendments to address these concerns, and I look forward to this debate tonight.

Finally, I have heard some fears that this bill gives some foreign interests an automatic exemption from U.S. swap rules. So let's be clear. The CFTC has adopted these cross-border provisions. The SEC has not. And what it says in this bill is, if they don't agree, then the current regulations stay in place. So the CFTC's cross-border guidance is going to continue to be effective and remain in place, and whatever cross-border rule the SEC finalizes next week will also be effective. And what it says in this bill is that if they can ever reconcile those two things, then there could be some changes in how the cross-border rule is administered.

But given the history of these two agencies, the chances of them actually coming together on this are probably slim to none. We have been waiting 14 years for joint rules regarding portfolio

margin for products under their respective jurisdictions. So their record of cooperation is not good. And as I said, right now, the CFTC has rules. They say that if somebody is doing business in the U.S., they are going to have to come under U.S. law, and that is the way it is going to stay.

So, Mr. Chairman, this bill is not perfect. But if we waited for perfection, we would be waiting forever, and we wouldn't be able to vote for anything. This bill deserves our support so we can move the process along to the Senate and hopefully see a bill signed into law before the CFTC reauthorization expires in September.

I urge my colleagues to support H.R. 4413, and I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. LUCAS. Mr. Chairman, I yield 4 minutes to the gentleman from the great State of Texas (Mr. HENSARLING), the chairman of the Financial Services Committee.

Mr. HENSARLING. I thank the gentleman for yielding and for his leadership on this bill.

Mr. Chairman, regrettably, our Nation is still faced with the weakest, slowest, nonrecovery recovery since the Great Depression. Tens of millions of our fellow countrymen remain unemployed and underemployed. And if you speak to practically any business—large, small, medium—they will tell you that the sheer weight in volume and complexity of regulation—especially Federal regulation—is perhaps the primary reason that they can't expand their business and that they can't create more jobs for those who need them.

As one small businessman in my district put it: "The complexity of all the different rules and regulations that the government imposes is just incomprehensible confusion."

Mr. Chairman, that is not the way we create jobs in America. Yet Washington continues to drown our small businesses and our job creators in so many regulations and red tape. We have got to change that.

The legislation before us, H.R. 4413, contains a number of measures that originated in the Financial Services Committee and have already passed the House with bipartisan support. For example, section 395 of the bill was originally introduced as H.R. 1256, bipartisan legislation sponsored by Mr. GARRETT of New Jersey and Mr. CARNEY of Delaware. It will simplify and rationalize the regulation of derivatives activity that occurs across U.S. and foreign markets today.

American companies obviously use derivatives to manage risk and to provide products and services to consumers at competitive prices, yet today they face the troubling prospect of having to comply with conflicting cross-border requirements from two Washington regulators, the CFTC and the SEC.

On the one hand, the Securities and Exchange Commission has issued a pro-

posed rule that recognizes equivalent derivatives requirements in foreign countries as valid substitutes for U.S. regulation. On the other hand, the CFTC staff outside the formal rule-making process has issued guidance that treats countries with well-established regulatory systems, including Canada, the U.K., Germany, and Japan, as rogue nations. The CFTC decided all on its own to inappropriately extend U.S. derivatives rules into foreign markets. It is no wonder that the CFTC's irresponsible guidance has been challenged in Federal court and routinely criticized by a number of our U.S. and European regulators.

This unapproved guidance will harm U.S. markets. It will harm consumers. It will harm job-seekers. It will harm our economy. It will result in higher costs on everything, from a John Deere tractor for a farmer in east Texas who wants to buy one to a cold six-pack for a worker in a mesquite factory who wants to finally rest after the day's end. It will even impact the price of an airline ticket for a grandmother in Garland as she tries to afford a trip to go visit the grandkids.

Mr. Chairman, farmers, workers, grandmothers, and, indeed, all Americans are already paying more for food, for gas, and for everything. Let's not let the CFTC add to their burden. The bill before us today, H.R. 4413, would help solve this case of government overreach by requiring U.S. regulators to issue one—one—clear rule to govern cross-border derivatives activities.

Let's bring some common sense back. Let's protect our consumers. Let's get America back to work. I urge my colleagues to support H.R. 4413.

Mr. PETERSON. Mr. Chairman, I am now pleased to yield 5 minutes to the gentlewoman from California (Ms. WATERS), the ranking member of the Financial Services Committee.

Ms. WATERS. I thank the gentleman from Minnesota for yielding.

Mr. Chairman, I rise in opposition to our H.R. 4413 legislation that would reauthorize the Commodity Futures Trading Commission. This measure addresses an important goal for this Congress: reauthorization of the CFTC, our regulator whose mission it is to ensure fair rules of the road for the majority of derivatives traded by U.S. firms.

I know that Representative PETERSON and Representative SCOTT, the ranking members of the committee and subcommittee respectively, have worked in good faith to improve this legislation and that they care deeply about making the CFTC work for farmers, manufacturers, and other businesses that use futures and derivatives. I thank them for their efforts.

However, I am concerned about provisions in the bill unrelated to the reauthorization of the Commission that I believe would undermine the CFTC's authority and hamstring its ability to

regulate a complex and important marketplace. Mr. Chairman, this legislation imposes heavy administrative burdens that will prevent, delay, or weaken CFTC's efforts to implement important reforms called for by the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act.

H.R. 4413 would also make it much more difficult for the CFTC and the SEC to regulate derivatives transactions involving foreign operations of U.S. banks. It does so by establishing hard-to-overturn exemptions that allow their operations to substitute Dodd-Frank rules in favor of more lenient foreign rules in foreign markets, despite the fact that the risks may come back to the United States.

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These types of derivatives transactions contributed to the massive taxpayer bailout of AIG in 2008, created enormous losses to JPMorgan in the London Whale episode in 2012, and brought down the hedge fund Long-Term Capital Management in the 1990s. This bill makes the job of the CFTC and the SEC to police derivatives operations of large U.S. banks and their foreign affiliates much more difficult.

In addition, under the guise of cost-benefit analysis, the bill imposes heavy administrative hurdles and new litigation risk on the CFTC, significantly impairing the Commission's ability to do its job of regulating our derivatives markets.

Like other agencies, the CFTC already considers the costs and benefits pursuant to numerous existing laws, and unlike any other regulator, the CFTC goes even further, considering the protection of market participants and the public, the effect on futures markets, price discovery, sound risk management practices, and other public interest matters.

Even the courts have weighed in, finding that the CFTC has fulfilled its duty to consider the cost and benefits.

H.R. 4413 not only burdens an agency already facing limited funding with additional administrative burdens, but it also opens up new avenues for special interests to endlessly challenge the CFTC in court.

Former CFTC Chairman Gensler noted that, if this provision in H.R. 4413 is enacted, "It may well be hard to get any rule out of the building."

Together, these changes undermine the CFTC's ability to guard against some of the most complex and risky activities in our financial system, and it is all just part of a multifaceted Republican effort to undercut laws and regulations that protect consumers, investors, and the economy.

It also comes just a week after House Republicans proposed an appropriations measure that dangerously underfunds the CFTC at 22 percent below the President's request, a level which will lead to either agencywide closures or employee layoffs.

Mr. Chairman, we cannot continue to undercut and underfund Wall Street's

top derivatives cop with the authority to ensure compliance with the law. This bill is widely opposed by the Obama administration, the AFL/CIO, broad coalition groups like Americans for Financial Reform and the Consumer Federation of America, as well as derivatives end users like the Petroleum Marketers Association of America.

So I would urge my colleagues to oppose this legislation. I insert in the RECORD the opposition, including the White House opposition to this legislation.

PUBLIC CITIZEN,
June 16, 2014.

DEAR REPRESENTATIVE: Public Citizen opposes H.R. 4413, "The Customer Protection and End User Relief Act." Several provisions will severely undermine financial reform. These include:

Adding unworkable cost-benefit analysis requirements that will only empower industry interests to bring litigation that will delay or negate important rules and do nothing to improve Commodity Futures Trading Commission (CFTC) regulations.

Prohibiting the CFTC from supervising US swap operations overseas, which will invite riskier activity and raise the potential for more bailouts;

Eliminating the ability of the CFTC to require certain safety rules for swaps.

NEW COST-BENEFIT REQUIREMENTS DON'T PASS THE COST-BENEFIT TEST

Wall Street has exploited the courts to delay, dilute and even overturn needed reform laws intended to return the financial industry to safer practices. Instead of making the CFTC more effective and efficient by bolstering their authority and improving their standing vis a vis the courts, H.R. 4413 actually makes the CFTC even more vulnerable to Wall Street lawsuits. The net effect will be weaker rules that will take the CFTC longer to finalize and will be more prone to reversal in court. In sum, this legislation will significantly damage, not improve, the CFTC's ability to adopt strong financial reforms that protect consumers and the public.

H.R. 4413 patently ignores the fact that the CFTC takes their cost-benefit requirements very seriously. In September 2010, the CFTC's General Counsel and Acting Chief Economist directed staff to produce cost-benefit analyses in proposed rulemakings and conceptual cost-benefit analyses in adopting releases. This is above and beyond existing CFTC requirements. In a follow-up memo, rule-making teams were directed to "incorporate the principles of Executive Order 13563" when writing rules. This order applied cost-benefit analysis requirements for departments overseen by the President. In May 2012, the CFTC, in an unprecedented move, entered into a memorandum of understanding with the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs (OIRA) where OIRA provides "technical assistance" to CFTC staff during implementation of the Dodd-Frank Act, "particularly with respect" to cost-benefit analysis.

Thus, the litany of additional cost-benefit analyses imposed by H.R. 4413 in no way improves the existing and extensive cost-benefit analysis practices at the CFTC. Rather the direct effect will be to convert the cost-benefit analyses the CFTC already conducts as a matter of best practice into numerous new legal grounds for Wall Street to challenge CFTC rules in court. Thus, the beneficiaries of these changes will be big Wall Street banks and their high-priced lawyers while the public pays the price of a far slow-

er CFTC that must jump through even more hoops before putting common-sense Wall Street reforms in place.

EVADING US SUPERVISION

Some of the most dangerous financial practices by US firms leading to the financial crisis of 2008 were conducted overseas. AIG sold a form of bond insurance called credit default swaps from its London office, out of view of American supervisors. When AIG could not pay massive claims from bond defaults, taxpayers bailed out AIG's clients with \$160 billion. More recently, JP Morgan's "Whale" transactions used US deposits for speculative derivatives trading in London, leading to a loss of more than \$6 billion.

Section 359 nullifies the CFTC's rubric for overseeing American firms with foreign-based swaps business. Instead, it permits US firms to establish foreign-incorporated affiliates that would escape US supervision altogether. Already, certain US firms have begun to exploit a loophole in the CFTC's current rules to escape US supervision. This involves removing the guarantee of the US parent for the foreign-originated swap.

Permitting foreign supervision is misguided because foreign supervisors won't have the same motivation as US supervisors to enforce prudential rules since a failure would fall on US taxpayers. In fact, foreign governments would be incentivized to relax oversight so as to attract more traders and the associated income tax revenue they would generate. The financial sector provides more than 11 percent of total tax revenue for the United Kingdom. Not only does this legislation increase the chance for another US taxpayer bailout, it would sacrifice US tax revenue by incentivizing American firms to relocate their derivatives business abroad.

SAFETY MARGINS PROHIBITED

Unregulated swaps were at the heart of the financial crash, as derivatives dealers who failed to back up their swaps with adequate collateral spread financial contagion. This legislation removes some of the tools that the CFTC could use to promote safety. For example, H.R. 4413 prohibits the CFTC from requiring that end-users post margin collateral. The CFTC has declared that it would not require such margin, but it is important for the agency to retain this power if the market becomes unsafe in the future.

This is just one example of the flaws of this bill. There are many other sections that limit the ability of the CFTC to accomplish its mission of protecting investors and the public from misconduct in the \$700 trillion swaps market. We believe Congress should be exploring ways to strengthen the agency, such as with self-funding and a larger budget, rather than working to undermine it.

We urge the House to reject H.R. 4413.

For more information, please contact Public Citizen's Congress Watch Advocates: Amit Narang, Regulatory Policy Advocate at anarang@citizen.org, or Bartlett Naylor, Financial Policy Advocate, at bnaylor@citizen.org.

Sincerely,
AMIT NARANG.
BARTLETT NAYLOR.

CONSUMER FEDERATION OF AMERICA,
June 17, 2014.

Re Oppose H.R. 4413.

DEAR REPRESENTATIVE: We are writing on behalf of the Consumer Federation of America (CFA) to ask you to oppose "The Customer Protection and End User Relief Act" (H.R. 4413), which the House is expected to vote on this month. This legislation would hamstring the Commodity Futures Trading

Commission (CFTC) from effectively overseeing and regulating commodities and derivatives markets, leaving consumers exposed to fraud, manipulation, abusive practices and putting the safety and stability of the U.S. financial system at risk. This bill includes harmful provisions that are strikingly similar to other bills that have been brought to the House floor, which were clearly aimed at undermining the Dodd-Frank Act, and which the Obama Administration opposed. Please stand firm against these continuing attacks on financial reform by voting no on H.R. 4413.

First, this bill would impose an assortment of new, onerous cost-benefit analysis requirements on the CFTC which are likely to delay and obstruct agency action. Under the Commodity Exchange Act, the CFTC already has a statutory mandate to evaluate the costs and benefits of its actions in light of numerous considerations, including the protection of market participants and the public, efficiency, competitiveness, financial integrity, price discovery, and sound risk management practices. This bill would add six new considerations that the CFTC would have to evaluate, and require that a new Office of the Chief Economist provide qualitative and quantitative analysis to justify the agency's actions. Included in the new economic analysis regime is a requirement to evaluate the costs of complying with the proposed regulation, provide a methodology for quantifying the costs, assess available alternatives to direct regulation, and, determine whether, in choosing among alternative regulatory approaches, those alternatives maximize the net benefits, which likely will mean adopting an approach that best benefits industry. Essentially, the CFTC will be required to undertake an in-depth, burdensome economic analysis for each regulation it proposes and compare its proposal to every conceivable alternative. Such a framework likely will create insurmountable barriers that cripple the agency from putting forth rule proposals and finalizing them in a timely manner so as to effectively protect market participants and the overall economy.

The new cost-benefit analysis requirements also are likely to result in increasing opportunities to thwart CFTC regulations through legal challenges. The practical effect of the new heightened requirements will be that any time an industry participant objects to new rules, it will have several new bases for a lawsuit, and it will seek to defeat those rules by claiming that the agency did not undertake a proper economic analysis by considering, and then disposing of, all the possible theoretical alternatives. It is reasonable to believe that armed with such strong ammunition, industry-supported lawsuits seeking to dismantle any new regulations will be successful, a problem made worse by the agency's lack of funding to effectively defend against such suits.

The provisions in this bill that would apply to the CFTC reflect the same approach that the House took last year against the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) in H.R. 1062, the "SEC Regulatory Accountability Act," for which the White House issued a Statement of Administration Policy (SAP). That bill also imposed numerous unnecessary cost-benefit analysis requirements to rulemakings by the SEC, in addition to the cost-benefit requirements that the SEC already has to undertake. Similar to H.R. 4413, H.R. 1062 required the SEC to separately analyze the costs and benefits of the entire set of "available regulatory alternatives" and make a determination whether a regulation imposed the "least burden possible" among all possible regulatory options. We urge you to oppose this renewed attempt to impose onerous, unnecessary cost-benefit analysis

bills aimed at undermining financial regulators' ability to implement the Dodd-Frank Act.

This legislation also subverts the CFTC's authority to regulate foreign derivatives activities that have a direct and significant effect on U.S. commerce. As our nation has learned painfully and repeatedly from the collapses of Long Term Capital Management, AIG, and Lehman Bros., and from the recent JPMorgan London Whale trading debacle, even when derivatives contracts are booked through a foreign subsidiary of a U.S. financial institution, the risks of those derivatives often flow back to the U.S., threatening the U.S. economy and potentially putting U.S. taxpayers on the hook for any resulting losses. That is why Dodd-Frank gave the CFTC broad authority to regulate overseas derivatives when they put our national economic interests in peril. Pursuant to that cross-border framework, the CFTC allows a foreign host country's regulations to substitute for U.S. regulations only after the CFTC has made a finding that the foreign host country's regulations are comparable to U.S. rules. However, this bill would create a presumption that a foreign host country's regulations should apply unless the CFTC determines that those regulations are not "broadly equivalent" to U.S. regulations, and in each instance, requires the CFTC to submit a written report to Congress articulating the basis for the agency's determination. Switching the presumption will subjugate the CFTC's authority, with the default position allowing a foreign country's rules to apply, and then requiring the CFTC to prove why they should not apply. Combining the reversed presumption, required Congressional report, and overwhelming cost-benefit analysis requirements, the CFTC will be forced to overcome daunting and possibly insurmountable hurdles if this legislation is adopted. As a result of this legislation, the agency's ability to protect the U.S. economy from the dangers resulting from foreign derivatives transactions will be impaired.

The cross-border provisions in this bill are almost identical to the provisions of a bill that the House voted on last year, H.R. 1256, "Swap Jurisdiction Certainty Act," for which the White House issued another SAP. We urge you to oppose this renewed attempt on the CFTC's ability to regulate cross-border derivatives.

Derivatives markets affect the U.S. economy in profound ways, and the risks that derivatives pose to the U.S. economy are well-known. The Dodd-Frank Act brought meaningful reforms to increase transparency and accountability in the derivatives markets and provided the CFTC the necessary authority to properly oversee and regulate the market. However, this legislation would put those reforms at risk and hamper the CFTC's ability to adequately protect consumers, market participants, and the U.S. economy. We cannot afford to suffer the grave consequences of another derivatives-laced financial crisis, but this legislation makes it more likely that we will. Accordingly, we urge you to oppose H.R. 4413.

Sincerely,

MICAH HAUPTMAN,
Financial Services Counsel.
BARBARA ROPER,
Director of Investor Protection.

BETTER MARKETS,

Washington, DC, June 19, 2014.

HOUSE CFTC REAUTHORIZATION BILL PROTECTS WALL STREET BANKS BY HANDCUFFING THE CFTC DERIVATIVES COPS ON THE WALL STREET BEAT AND DISMANTLING FINANCIAL REFORM

MEASURE DEFIES PUBLIC OPINION AND FAILS TO LEARN A LESSON FROM ERIC CANTOR'S LOSS

Dennis Kelleher, President and CEO of Better Markets, an independent nonprofit organization that promotes the public interest in the financial markets, made the following statement about the upcoming vote on H.R. 4413, the CFTC Reauthorization bill in the House of Representatives:

"Wall Street's political allies in the House of Representatives have filled the CFTC Reauthorization bill with Wall Street's wish list of deregulation provisions that put Americans at risk of another devastating financial crash. Reckless, high risk derivatives gambling by Wall Street's biggest banks was at the core of causing the 2008 financial crash, which is going to cost the U.S. more than \$13 trillion. The CFTC are the derivatives cops on the Wall Street beat trying to prevent Wall Street from doing that again. This bill will handcuff those cops, kill essential derivatives reforms, roll back protections vital to every American, and make future financial crises and bailouts more likely."

"For example, the bill will prohibit the CFTC from stopping Wall Street firms shifting their U.S. derivatives business overseas to avoid essential financial reform rules. As a result, when Wall Street's future overseas derivatives deals blow up, like AIG did in 2008, it will send the bill back to the American taxpayer. The Reauthorization bill will also impose numerous crippling burdens on the CFTC. While innocently named 'cost-benefit analysis,' these onerous, time-consuming provisions are really 'industry cost-only analysis,' which will require the CFTC to overweight industry's inflated cost claims and to discount the costs to the public of another derivatives-fueled financial crash and economic catastrophe. This legislation also has numerous other indefensible provisions that will prevent CFTC staff from doing their job to protect the American people from Wall Street's excesses."

"Elected officials who support these provisions are ignoring the American people who do not want their representatives protecting Wall Street at their expense. Recently defeated Majority Leader Eric Cantor just learned that lesson the hard way. This was confirmed by a new national poll showing voters' disgust with Wall Street and its Washington enablers. Indeed, 89% of voters view government efforts to reign in Wall Street as 'poor' or 'only fair' and many think that's because Wall Street and Washington are in cahoots. The pro-Wall Street, anti-Main Street provisions in this Reauthorization bill are why voters believe this. Elected officials must stop protecting Wall Street banks and bankers' bonuses and get back to protecting the voters who elected them."

STATEMENT OF ADMINISTRATION POLICY

H.R. 4413—CUSTOMER PROTECTION AND END USER RELIEF ACT

(REP. LUCAS, R—OKLAHOMA, JUNE 19, 2014)

The Administration is firmly committed to strengthening the Nation's financial system through the implementation of key reforms to safeguard derivatives markets and ensure a stronger and fairer financial system for investors and consumers. The full benefit to the Nation's citizens and the economy cannot be realized unless the entities charged with establishing and enforcing the rules of the road have the resources to do so.

The Administration strongly opposes the passage of H.R. 4413 because it undermines the efficient functioning of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission (CFTC) by imposing a number of organizational and procedural changes and offers no solution to address the persistent inadequacy of the agency's funding. The CFTC is one of only two Federal financial regulators funded through annual discretionary appropriations, and the funding the Congress has provided for it over the past four years has failed to keep pace with the increasing complexity of the Nation's financial markets. The enactment of the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act resulted in significant expansion of the CFTC's responsibilities. The proposed changes would hinder the CFTC's progress in successfully implementing these critical responsibilities and would unnecessarily disrupt the effective management and operation of the agency, without providing the more robust and reliable funding that the agency needs.

THE PETROLEUM MARKETERS
ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA,

June 19, 2014.

Re The Customer Protection and End User
Relief Act of 2014 (H.R. 4413).

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
The Capitol Building,
Washington, DC.

DEAR REPRESENTATIVE: Tomorrow, the House will consider the "Customer Protection and End User Relief Act" (H.R. 4413), also known as the Commodity Futures Trading Commission (CFTC) Reauthorization Act. The bill would reauthorize the CFTC for five years and modify certain reforms included in the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act of 2010. Some of these changes would jeopardize rules designed to increase market transparency and stability and to prevent fraud, manipulation and excessive speculation in the commodity markets. Please vote "no" on H.R. 4413 unless amendments are passed to remove harmful provisions.

The Petroleum Marketers Association of America (PMAA) is a national federation of 48 state and regional trade associations representing over 8,000 independent petroleum marketers. These companies own 60,000 convenience store/gasoline stations and supply motor fuels such as gasoline and diesel fuel to an additional 40,000 stores. The New England Fuel Institute (NEFI) is the nation's largest independent home heating oil trade association, representing more than 1,000 home heating oil, kerosene and propane dealers and related services companies. Together, NEFI and PMAA members provide nearly all the gasoline, diesel fuel and heating oil sold in the U.S.

For decades, PMAA and NEFI members have used derivatives (i.e., futures, options and swaps) to protect their businesses and consumers from risk associated with the price of gasoline, diesel fuel, home heating oil and propane. They rely on these markets to communicate prices for these commodities that are reflective of supply and demand. For this reason, we have been supportive of the vigorous implementation and enforcement of derivative reforms included in Title VII of the Dodd-Frank Act. This law expands the authority of the CFTC to conduct oversight of previously unregulated over-the-counter and off-shore markets and strengthens rules designed to increase market transparency and prevent fraud, manipulation and excessive speculation.

We are pleased that H.R. 4413 includes reforms to address the MF Global crisis (Sections 102-106). Several of our members were affected by the collapse of the commodity

brokerage firm in October of 2011 and we commend the Congress for acting on this issue. We also are pleased with the inclusion of studies on the impact of high frequency trading or HFT (Section 107) and the adequacy of CFTC resources (Section 213). We support the DeFazio Amendment (#16) to expand the HFT study to include the effect of such trading on market volatility.

Unfortunately, several provisions in this bill would jeopardize progress on vital new commodity trading rules. This includes Section 203, which would double the number of hurdles the CFTC must jump when considering the costs and benefits of any rule, regulation or order. This would stymie the rule-making process and make it easier for opponents of reform to challenge these rules in court. We also oppose Section 212, which would shift responsibility for judicial review of CFTC rules and regulations from the U.S. District Court of the District of Columbia to the U.S. Court of Appeals. The Court of Appeals has a history of ruling in favor of large banks and other financial institutions. Therefore, we support respective amendments to remove these provisions from the bill and preserve existing law, Moore (#2) and Jackson Lee (#13).

Again, while we support consumer and end-user protections included in H.R. 4413, we cannot support this legislation unless Congress strikes provisions that would compromise progress on key reforms designed to protect market participants and the American public from fraud, manipulation and the reckless financial speculation that has straddled businesses and consumers with volatile energy prices and unhinged the market from real-world market fundamentals.

Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Sincerely,

DAN GILLIGAN,
President, PMAA.
MICHAEL C. TRUNZO,
President & CEO,
NEFI.

Mr. LUCAS. Mr. Chairman, I wish to yield 2 minutes to the gentleman from North Carolina, Congressman HUDSON, who has crafted a key component of this major reform bill.

Mr. HUDSON. Mr. Chairman, I rise today to urge my colleagues to support H.R. 4413, which includes language from my bill, H.R. 3814, the Risk Management Certainty Act.

This bill would require CFTC Commissioners to partake in a formal rule-making process before placing undue burdens on job creators. Without this critical piece of legislation, a misguided CFTC rule will automatically lump costly new regulations on public utilities, energy companies, and other end users that played no part in the financial crisis.

As the regulations currently stand, if a company does more than \$8 billion worth of swap business per year, it must register with the CFTC as a swap dealer. Despite rules requiring a study to determine if the threshold is appropriately set, the CFTC is set to arbitrarily lower that level to \$3 billion without a vote.

In today's world, where the cost of living continues to rise for millions of American families, we cannot afford for our Nation's job creators and energy providers to bear the brunt of yet another regulatory burden without a

full and fair debate and a vote. This bill solves that problem and gives the public the ability to weigh in before a decision is made.

I remain committed to protecting consumers and reducing regulatory burdens on our job creators, and I urge my colleagues to join me in support of this legislation.

Mr. PETERSON. Mr. Chairman, I am now pleased to yield 6 minutes to the gentleman from Georgia (Mr. DAVID SCOTT), the ranking member of the relevant subcommittee.

Mr. DAVID SCOTT of Georgia. Mr. Chairman, we have before us perhaps the most important piece of legislation to add fluidity to a very complex, complicated financial arena in which we are in; and that is in the area of derivatives, swaps dealing, and dealing on the international stage as the world's number one economy—very complex, very complicated.

History has shown that the United States is a leader in the world, particularly in economic affairs. We are here today to deal with reauthorization of the CFTC at a time when we have just come out of a very serious economic downturn.

Now, I agree with my distinguished ranking member. We have worked very closely on this, and quite honestly, there is nobody in Congress that has the knowledge of financial services as does our ranking member. The ranking member and I have worked diligently to try to bring a serious bit of compromise to this area. She raises a good point.

Let me take a couple of her concerns, so I can share with you how we have addressed those. The first one is the cross border. The claim that we are opening up and doing business with foreign governments and foreign jurisdictions that have no regulations there and we acquire risk—here is what we are doing, and I want to make sure we are clear.

I serve on the Agriculture Committee as the ranking member on the Derivatives Subcommittee, and I serve on the Financial Services Committee. The very cross border that we are talking about has been debated, has been argued, and has been passed by this House in the form of H.R. 1256.

Now, here is what needs to be understood: we have minimized totally any risk of importation of damage to our economy with the exemption of the top nine—not all the foreign governments and not the foreign jurisdictions—we are exempting the top nine largest swap dealers who deal in derivatives of foreign jurisdictions, and it will be the CFTC, in conjunction and jointly through joint rulemaking with the SEC.

As Chairman Peterson pointed out, they are at loggerheads now. The first order of business is to get them to agree on a rule, and 270 days after that, that rule would go into effect, and immediately, the top five of those foreign jurisdictions that have rules and regulations that are equitable to ours—

which, again, will be determined jointly by the SEC and the CFTC—will go into effect.

One year after that, the remaining four will go into effect, so what we have here is a check and balance right there. They will determine that criteria. We put something else in there, as well, to address Ms. WATERS' very legitimate concern.

We said that: look, once the CFTC has done this jointly with the SEC, then what we will do is any one of those foreign jurisdictions who do not measure up to having the equal amount of robust regime on their regulations, they will disavow them, and within 30 days, they must send to the Congress of the United States—specifically to the House Financial Services Committee, the Senate Banking Committee, the House Agriculture Committee, and the Senate Agriculture Committee—the reason why. Stop right there. That back door is closed tight. There will be no seepage.

If these nine foreign countries that we work with—and, Mr. Chairman, you must realize that, historically, we are the leader, we have to show the way here, and we are not going to put in practice any way where there is any leakage that will come back to us that will be damaging to our system, it will be in the hands of where it needs to be, the regulators.

They will determine if their rules and regulations meet ours, and if they don't, they will let Congress know, and then they will not be allowed.

The other point, Mr. Chairman, is we have end users. This bill isn't just about banking. This bill is about farmers. This bill is about people who make things. We are the world's leading economy.

We don't do business just in the United States; we do them all around the world. If we don't put this in—this cross border in—we will be putting our business community on the international stage in a very disadvantaged competitive position. So I submit to my friend, Ms. WATERS, that we have certainly dealt with that.

Now, the cost-benefit analysis—first of all, Ms. WATERS should take credit for this because she really, on H.R. 1062, which was a mandate that we do, we changed that, thanks to you, and this is clearly an adjustment.

The CHAIR. The time of the gentleman has expired.

Mr. PETERSON. I yield the gentleman an additional 1 minute.

Mr. DAVID SCOTT of Georgia. We had a bill, H.R. 1062. Ms. WATERS was absolutely right because that bill mandated the benefit and the cost, and it was beneficial, in a way, to certain industries. I voted against that bill with Ms. WATERS.

I took Ms. WATERS' suggestion, and we went back, and we said that we can't mandate this. So what did we do with this bill? We simply said: let's consider how we can protect the market. Let's consider, let's assess how we can do that and not mandate it.

Again, as Mr. PETERSON has pointed out, we modeled this directly after what President Obama's executive order mandated, that you take a risk management assessment before you make the decisions.

Mr. LUCAS. Mr. Chairman, I wish to yield 2 minutes to the gentleman from Georgia (Mr. AUSTIN SCOTT), an outstanding Member who also has worked a key portion of this bill, and his legislation reflects it.

Mr. AUSTIN SCOTT of Georgia. Mr. Chairman, I also rise today in support of H.R. 4413, the Customer Protection and End User Relief Act.

This legislation clarifies congressional intent concerning end users under the Dodd-Frank law by providing a clear exemption for nonfinancial end users who qualify for the clearing exception under title 7 of the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act.

Across the country, consumers and businesses alike are confronted with financial risks associated with their day-to-day operations. To manage these risks, they use over-the-counter derivatives to provide price certainty. Consumers, in turn, benefit from these risk management practices through greater stability in the day-to-day prices of the goods that we purchase.

By passing this legislation, Congress provides an exemption from clearing and margin requirements and, therefore, reduces the costs for businesses and individuals who are not financial institutions.

With this exemption, less than 10 percent of the capital involved in the derivatives market is relieved of burdensome regulations. This balance protects the consumer while providing a pro-growth environment for businesses, and we passed very similar legislation in the 112th Congress 370–24.

For this reason, I ask my colleagues to support H.R. 4413, so that we can provide businesses and individuals the tools necessary to manage day-to-day operational risk, while providing much-needed certainty to the American people.

Mr. PETERSON. Mr. Chairman, I am now pleased to yield 2 minutes to the gentlewoman from Connecticut (Ms. DELAURO).

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Ms. DELAURO. Mr. Chairman, I will include for the RECORD a document from the Institute for Agriculture and Trade Policy, and I rise in strong opposition to this bill. To cater to special interests, it deliberately weakens the essential regulatory and oversight functions of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission, and it fails to address the CFTC's biggest challenge—its flawed funding mechanism.

Simply put, this bill is a recipe for another disaster on Wall Street, like the one that caused the Great Recession. Americans want to see more accountability from big banks and oil speculators and fewer reckless trans-

actions, market failures, and bailouts. That is what the CFTC's job is, to rein in gambling with risky derivatives on Wall Street and prevent undue speculation on oil.

Unfortunately, this bill goes in the wrong direction. It includes provisions that will make it harder for the CFTC to regulate derivatives transactions between the United States and foreign banks. It goes out of its way to impose new hurdles and litigation risks to prevent the Commission from doing its job. It fails to address the CFTC's flawed funding mechanism, hamstringing its ability to create fair and transparent derivatives and futures markets.

The CFTC is the only financial regulator that is completely dependent upon the general fund to provide for its operations. Every other financial regulator—SEC, FDIC, FHFA, the list goes on—collects user fees.

Fixing this structural flaw has been proposed by every President since Ronald Reagan. It is all the more important since Congress greatly expanded the CFTC's responsibilities 4 years ago in response to the bad behavior that precipitated a devastating financial crisis.

According to Acting Chairman Wetjen:

The unfortunate reality is that, at current funding levels, the Commission is unable to adequately fulfill the mission given to it by Congress.

I submitted an amendment that would have addressed this flaw, yet the House majority refused to allow it to be heard.

We should not undermine the CFTC's ability to oversee risky market behaviors, protect consumers, and enforce the law. I urge a "no" vote.

INSTITUTE FOR AGRICULTURE
AND TRADE POLICY,
June 16, 2014.

REPRESENTATIVE,

House of Representatives, Washington, DC.

DEAR REPRESENTATIVE, I write on behalf of the Institute for Agriculture and Trade Policy (IATP) a non-profit, non-governmental organization based in Minneapolis, MN to urge you to vote against H.R. 4413, "Customer Protection and End User Relief Act." A vote for H.R. 4413 annuls or amends major portions of Title VII of the Dodd-Frank Act Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act (DFA) and per Title IV's retro-active application to July 2010, makes regulations and guidance issued under the DFA authorities vulnerable to legal challenge by the regulated entities.

Furthermore, if enacted, H.R. 4413 would impede DFA Title VI implementation by, among other measures:

1) preventing the cross-border application of DFA authorized rules unless the Commodity Futures Trading Commission and the Securities Exchange Commission jointly determine that foreign jurisdiction rules are not "broadly equivalent" to DFA rules (Section 359);

2) micro-managing the CFTC Division Directors, Chief Economist and staff (Sections 204, 205 and 206);

3) micro-managing and possibly impeding CFTC enforcement activities (Section 209);

4) imposing cost-benefit analysis of each CFTC rule prior to implementation, and as

required of no other independent agency, under terms that would paralyze CFTC rulemaking that did not conform to industry demands (Section 203); and

5) by requiring that CFTC voluntary guidance to industry be subject to the same Administrative Procedures Act (APA) requirements as for legally binding rulemakings (Section 212).

IATP began to work on commodity derivatives issues in June 2008, when grain elevators stopped forward contracting with farmers and rural banks stopped loaning to elevators, due to extreme price volatility and price levels in commodity derivatives markets, which resulted from excessive speculation by financial institution. IATP has participated in the Commodity Markets Oversight Coalition (CMOC) since 2009, and the Derivatives Task Force of Americans for Financial Reform (AFR) since 2010. IATP has contributed to and signed on to numerous CMOC and AFR letters in support of Title VII of the DFA. IATP has submitted several comments on CFTC rulemaking, and on consultation papers of the International Organization of Securities Commissions, the Financial Stability Board, the European Securities and Markets Authority, and the European Commission's Directorate General for Internal Markets.

H.R. 4413 offers terrible trade-offs that no member of Congress should be forced to vote for. As H.R. 4413 is constructed, you can only vote for the widely agreed customer protections in Title 1, if, e.g. you also vote to require the CFTC Commissioners to vote on the length of a subpoena, the renewal of the subpoena and whether the Division of Enforcement has a "legitimate purpose" for each investigation it undertakes (Section 209). Title 1 could and should be proposed as a separate bill, for which you should be able to get sponsors from Republicans, as well as Democrats.

IATP also requests that you propose and vote for deletion or amendment of certain sections of the bill, because its passage is very likely. It is crucial that there be recorded votes on all amendments to or deletions of H.R. 4413. Here are IATP's top five priorities for deletions, since amendments may not be possible, given the short amount of time before the amendment deadline of Tuesday at 3 p.m. ET.

1. Section 359: This section (paragraph a) first requires the CFTC to issue rules jointly with the Securities Exchange Commission on the cross-border application of DFA rules. The CFTC has authority over about 96.5% of the gross notional value of the U.S. derivatives market, whereas the SEC has authority over 3.5% of this market. The SEC has authority over just one asset class of derivatives, equity-based derivatives. The House would give equal rulemaking authority with the CFTC to an agency that has historic competence and legal authority for only a small sliver of the derivatives market. This section further seeks to impede the CFTC's ability to apply DFA authorized rules to foreign affiliate swaps of U.S. swaps dealers that have a "direct and significant" impact on the U.S. economy (Sect. 722, DFA). It does so first by requiring that the CFTC's international memoranda of understanding (MoUs) with foreign market regulators comply with APA requirements for binding rulemaking (paragraph c). MoUs are not binding rules, but diplomatic agreements whose implementation and enforcement does not depend entirely on U.S. law or regulations. Here, again, H.R. 4413 seeks to micro-manage the CFTC's work, this time in negotiations with foreign governments.

Most perniciously, Section 359 grants a blanket exemption from compliance with DFA authorized derivatives rules for "Coun-

tries or Administrative Regions Having Nine Largest Markets," [sic] unless the CFTC and SEC "jointly determine that the regulatory requirements" of these countries and regions are not "broadly equivalent" to U.S. regulatory requirements (paragraph d). Given the aforementioned huge disparity in the "market share" of the CFTC's and SEC's authority over the swaps market, this co-determination requirement is grotesque. Furthermore, taking into account the markets in the 28 member states of the European Union, plus the next eight largest market jurisdictions, Section 359 exempts more than 90 percent of the foreign swaps market from compliance with the cross-border application of the DFA. The seven largest U.S. bank holding companies have 4939 foreign subsidiaries and thousands of more affiliates. Trading losses by these subsidiaries and affiliates resulted in default cascades by their U.S. parent companies, saved from bankruptcy only by at least \$19 trillion in emergency loans from the Federal Reserve Bank, plus \$10 trillion to foreign central banks to bail out their banks with U.S. affiliates from 2007-2010. The regulatory regimes of the foreign jurisdictions to which the Fed loaned at ultra-low interest rates had been judged to be "broadly equivalent" during the Bush Administration.

2. Section 203: Cost Benefit Analysis. The CFTC, unlike other independent regulatory agencies, is required to do a cost-benefit analysis prior to each regulation it issues. This section does not operate consistently with Executive Order 13563, as House supporters claim, since 13563 applies only to non-independent agencies. Paragraph H requires the CFTC to tabulate the costs of compliance by "all regulated entities," in effect requiring the CFTC to accept as fact the compliance costs claimed by the regulated entities. These claimed compliance costs often have been shown to be wildly overstated. Paragraph J requires that the CFTC demonstrate prior to implementation that each of the agency's regulatory approaches "maximize net benefits." These two paragraphs alone should ensure that DFA authorized rules are not implemented unless they satisfy the cost-benefit demands of the regulated entities. Ex-ante cost-benefit analyses traditionally are done on the basis of econometric modeling, and not by the peculiar dependence on regulated entity claims featured in this section.

3. Section 209: Subpoena duration and renewal. This section authorizes the Commissioners to determine the length of a subpoena that the Division of Enforcement shall use to compel testimony and production of documents relative to an investigation. It will require the Commission to vote on whether the Division of Enforcement has a "legitimate purpose" for requesting the subpoena, what the duration of the subpoena will be and whether to renew the subpoena. Well-funded subjects of an investigation will be advised by their lawyers to delay complying with any subpoena in the event that a majority of Commissioners decides to override the Division of Enforcement and not renew a subpoena. It is one thing to disagree with an investigation. It is quite another for the House to vote for a section that would impede enforcement of the law.

4. Section 204: Division Directors. This section requires that each Division Director report to and be reviewed ("serve at the pleasure of") by each Commissioner. In the event that the Commissioners disagree about any activity of a Division, the Division Director could be taking contradictory instructions from the Commissioners. Disagreements among Commissioners must be resolved among the Commissioners and not transmitted to Division Directors in the form of

contradictory orders. This section offers a high degree of opportunity for one Commissioner to paralyze the work of the Commission. At best, the section ensures delay of DFA implementation through Commission micro-management of Division Directors and the staff (see also our Comments on Section 205 and 206).

5. Section 353: While the title of this section indicates that it would give "relief" from record-keeping to farmers and grain elevator participants in the derivatives market, the application in the exemption from record-keeping could and almost certainly will be applied to much larger participants in the derivatives markets. By requiring only a written record of the final agreement of swaps for participants in unregistered designated contract markets or swaps execution facilities, this section precludes the CFTC from seeking interim documentation of swaps transactions, including cell phone records if needed. This section makes constructing audit trails in investigations more difficult and otherwise limits enforcement activities.

Other sections that IATP believes you should consider for deletion from HR 4413 include:

Section 205: The Office of the Chief Economist. This section requires that the Chief Economist report to and be reviewed by each Commissioner. Our concerns are the same as those of Section 204.

Section 206: This proposal to require a seven day advance notice to review each and every staff letter and to allow the Commission to delay, review and revise staff letters, puts the Commission in charge of micro-managing the staff. Many of the staff no action letters that are the subject of the complaint in the House agricultural committee report on HR 4413 are the result of the need to reply to industry questions and complaints, and to postpone compliance by foreign affiliates of U.S. swaps dealers, as foreign jurisdiction rulemaking is delayed by industry opposition. A staff whose budget, personnel and computer infrastructure has been severely constrained by the House has operated as efficiently and effectively as their meager resources allow. This section is not an attempt to improve CFTC transparency and openness but another tactic to micro-manage the staff.

Section 211: Requires that CFTC voluntary guidance to industry be subject to the same Administrative Procedures Act (APA) requirements as legally binding rulemakings. This section represents the plaintiff's position in a court case involving the CFTC's guidance on the cross border application of DFA rules and would pre-empt the result of that case. If the House wishes to require that APA procedures for issuing guidance are the same as for rulemaking, it should amend the APA, rather than single out one agency for this peculiar pre-emption of a court ruling and unique application of the APA to one agency.

Section 212: This section allows plaintiffs to file a lawsuit in the District of Columbia or "in the circuit where the party resides or has the principal place of business" (paragraph a). If the CFTC were a self-financed regulatory agency or had a budget corresponding to its greatly expanded duties under the DFA, the extra costs of litigating outside the District of Columbia might not be a financial burden for agency. Given the House's budgetary expression of hostility to the CFTC, this section represents another tactic to increase the burden on the agency to defend the DFA in court.

Section 362: One of the advantages of trading Over the Counter is the delay in reporting, relative to the near real time reporting required of exchanges for futures and options

contracts. OTC traders take advantage of price, volatility and other information provided by the public and regulated markets while providing no information of their own, a huge competitive advantage. This section would allow traders of uncleared and “illiquid swaps” to delay reporting up to 30 days after a trade’s execution, an eternity in financial markets, to protect the identity of individual traders. Because swaps can be structured to be illiquid, this section does not consider that the exemption from reporting in near real time could be part of a regulatory evasion strategy. If the industry wishes to petition the CFTC for a reporting exemption on illiquid swaps, let it do so. Legislators should not be involved in designing reporting exemptions.

Section 355: The asset class indiscriminate *de minimis* of \$8 billion of swaps dealing before a swaps dealer is required to register with the CFTC and be subject to CFTC rules may be lowered only with a vote of the Commission. It is dangerous to remove the CFTC’s regulatory discretion in determining the justification for a *de minimis*. Whereas \$8 billion of interest swaps is a low *de minimis* relative to the more than \$150 trillion annual gross notional value of interest rate swaps, an \$8 billion *de minimis* is a very, very high *de minimis* for commodity swaps. Again, here is another section where the House is acting to micro-manage the CFTC’s rulemaking discretion and authority.

In sum, notwithstanding Title I on customer protections and some sections of Title II and III, HR 4413 is a bill that reauthorizes the CFTC, only to impede it from carrying out its statutory duties. IATP urges you to vote against this bill and to vote to delete the aforementioned sections. I would be pleased to work with your staff on any amendments or deletions that you may wish to offer. Thank you for your consideration of our views on HR 4413.

Respectfully,

STEVE SUPPAN, PH.D.,
Senior Policy Analyst.

Mr. LUCAS. Mr. Chairman, I yield 4 minutes to the gentleman from Texas (Mr. CONAWAY), who not only has a key component of this bill, but in his role as chairman of the Subcommittee on General Farm Commodities and Risk Management carried the lion’s share of the subcommittee hearing work and the day-to-day efforts that came to be known as H.R. 4413.

Mr. CONAWAY. Mr. Chairman, I would like to start by thanking the chairman of the committee, FRANK LUCAS, and our ranking member, COLLIN PETERSON, for the bipartisan tone that they have set on all of the work that we do in the Agriculture Committee. Under their leadership, we work together to examine the issues under our jurisdiction, and we work together to develop legislative solution to the problems we discover. Their leadership is reflected in the bill we have before us today.

Over the past 2 years, the General Farm Commodities and Risk Management Subcommittee has heard from two Commissioners, the exchanges and SROs, market participants, end users, and foreign regulators on a broad cross section of issues facing the CFTC. The testimony and questions that we heard formed the foundation of what has become the Customer Protection and End User Relief Act.

True to its name, the Customer Protection and End User Relief Act makes important progress in protecting Main Street. We strengthen safeguards against another MF Global or PFGBest and significantly reduce damage a failed FCM can inflict on its customers.

We also protect end users from being roped into registration, reporting, or regulatory requirements that are inappropriate for the level of risk they can impose on financial markets. It is clear that end users did not cause the financial crisis. They do not pose a systemic risk to the financial markets, and they should not be treated like financial entities.

As we drafted this reauthorization, we also examined the internal organization and processes of the Commission. Over the past 5 years, it has become clear that Dodd-Frank has fundamentally changed the role of the CFTC. The law has moved the Commission from a conferring, principles-based regulator to a more adversarial, rules-based regulator. As the Commission changes, so must the rules that Congress sets for its operation.

Today’s legislation addresses these changes by making the CFTC more responsive and accountable to each Commissioner, and by ensuring that each Commissioner, not just the Chairman, is given a greater voice on Commission and staff activities. It also creates and defines the Office of Chief Economist to provide every Commissioner with objective economic data and analysis.

Finally, one of the most important changes this bill makes is to require a meaningful quantification of the costs and benefits of a rule when it is first proposed. This analysis, done by the chief economist, will strengthen the rulemaking process and will result in better regulations and safer markets. This small mandate on the economists at the CFTC will ensure that regulatory burdens are justified in the real world, not just in the pages of the Federal Register. Rules that reflect the impact of a proper cost-benefit analysis will be better accepted by those being regulated and may result in less acrimony during the rules-making process.

As I close, I would also like to thank my ranking member, DAVID SCOTT. Over the past year and a half, we have examined these CFTC issues together and collaborated on legislation and hearings. I am pleased with the fruits of our labor, and I couldn’t ask for a better partner on our subcommittee.

The Customer Protection and End User Relief Act is a commonsense, bipartisan reform package. In it we protect customers and end users from overreach and make meaningful changes to the operation of the commission. I urge my colleagues to support passage of the bill.

Mr. PETERSON. Mr. Chairman, I am pleased to yield 2 minutes to the gentlewoman from New York (Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY).

Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York. Mr. Chairman, I thank the gentleman for yielding and for his leadership in so many ways in this body.

I rise in opposition to H.R. 4413. This bill would impose unnecessary burdens on the CFTC and would restrict our financial regulators’ ability to regulate cross-border derivatives.

Dodd-Frank brought the previously unregulated derivatives market out of the shadows and created a robust regulatory regime for derivatives. One of the core principles of this regulatory regime was that if the United States is ultimately bearing the risk on a derivative, then you have to comply with the Dodd-Frank rules.

One of the reasons that the U.S. markets are so strong is because investors have confidence in our markets and in our market participants. I am concerned that this bill, particularly in the cross-border area, could undermine that confidence.

For foreign derivatives entered into by a U.S. bank, the bank can only avoid complying with Dodd-Frank rules if they are already complying with regulations that are at least equivalent or stronger than Dodd-Frank rules. This bill, unfortunately, establishes a presumption that the derivatives rules in London and the EU are equivalent to Dodd-Frank, even though we know that is not true. The truth is London and the EU are well behind the United States on financial reform, and it may take many years for them to become equivalent to our rules. This is in my view a very real concern and presents an undue risk to the United States financial system and to our investors and to our taxpayers. This is why I cannot support this bill.

Mr. Chairman, I include for the RECORD two letters, one from Americans for Financial Reform and one from the Center For Progressive Reform.

AMERICANS FOR FINANCIAL REFORM,
Washington, DC, June 16, 2014.

DEAR REPRESENTATIVE, on behalf of Americans for Financial Reform, we are writing to express our opposition to HR 4413, “The Customer Protection and End User Relief Act”. This legislation would have a severe negative impact on the Commodity Futures Trading Commission (CFTC) and its ability to police commodities and derivatives markets crucial to our economy. The new restrictions it places on CFTC rulemaking would require additional years of bureaucratic and legal red tape prior to agency action, even in areas where Congress has clearly directed the CFTC to act and where action is badly needed to protect the public interest.

This legislation also includes no provisions that address the CFTC’s most fundamental problem—the lack of resources to accomplish its mission. Due to both the agency’s new responsibilities under the Dodd-Frank Act for hundreds of trillions of dollars in previously unregulated derivatives markets, and the growth of the commodities markets the agency has traditionally regulated, the size of CFTC-regulated markets has increased roughly 15-fold over the last decade. But funding for the agency lags enormously behind. As CFTC commissioner Mark Wetjen recently stated, “The unfortunate reality is

that, at current funding levels, the agency is unable to adequately fulfill the mission given to it by Congress: to prevent disruptions to market integrity, to protect customer assets, monitor and reduce the build-up of systemic risk, and ensure to the greatest degree possible that derivatives markets are free of fraud and manipulation". The agency authorization process could and should be an opportunity to supplement appropriations with some form of agency self-funding. Self-funding mechanisms are used by all other financial regulatory agencies and have been endorsed by the Obama Administration.

Instead of addressing the pressing problem of funding, HR 4413 would instead load down the CFTC with additional mandates that would drain resources and act as a roadblock to necessary oversight and enforcement. HR 4413 would more than double the number of cost benefit analyses the agency must perform prior to taking any action. Since any of these analyses could serve as grounds for a lawsuit, this measure would greatly expand Wall Street's ability to dispute any agency action in court, tilting the regulatory playing field still further in their favor. The legislation would also create an initial presumption that CFTC rules did not apply to so-called 'cross-border' transactions, which include a vast number of transactions involving foreign subsidiaries of U.S. banks. The agency would have to perform a 'determination' (jointly with the Securities and Exchange Commission) each time it wanted to regulate such transactions. HR 4413 also includes additional internal process requirements for the CFTC that would also act as barriers to action. These additional requirements would affect everything from the supervision of key employees to the ability to respond to public requests for information.

In combination, these changes would greatly reduce the CFTC's capacity to effectively police Wall Street. HR 4413 also includes many additional changes. Some of them, such as amendments to indemnification requirements for swaps data repositories, are reasonable. Other changes—including (but not limited to) provisions that expand the definition of 'commercial end user' to include financial entities (Sections 321 and 352), exemptions for entities with billions of dollars in swaps business from 'swap dealer' oversight (Section 355), provisions that would permit marketing of complex institutional commodity pools to retail investors (Section 357), and provisions that weaken limits on commodity market speculation (Section 358)—raise serious questions of their own.

But even before considering these issues, the major new restrictions on the agency created by the cost-benefit and cross-border provisions of this bill mean that supporting needed derivatives regulation requires opposing this legislation.

PROVISIONS RELATED TO COST BENEFIT ANALYSIS AND JUDICIAL REVIEW

The CFTC already has a statutory requirement to consider the costs and benefits of its actions, and to evaluate these costs and benefits as applied to a long list of considerations, including market efficiency, price discovery, and protection of the public. Section 203 of HR 4413 would massively expand this requirement. The section would more than double than number of different factors the CFTC must evaluate in any rulemaking, order, or guidance, and change the standard of evaluation from consideration of costs and benefits to a more extensive and burdensome 'reasoned determination' of costs and benefits. The section also includes a particularly sweeping mandate that would require the agency to determine whether an action 'maximizes net benefits' compared to all possible regulatory alternatives. This requirement alone, which seems to require compari-

son of any actual regulation to a potentially vast number of theoretical alternatives, could be read to require dozens of additional agency analyses.

Some of this cost-benefit language does replicate cost-benefit instructions from the Office of Management and Budget that already applies to agencies within the executive branch, although not to independent financial regulatory agencies like the CFTC. In addition to this extension of reach, a crucial difference is that since HR 4413 would add this language in statute, each and every additional instruction regarding cost-benefit analysis could become grounds for a Wall Street lawsuit against a CFTC rule. The extensive new cost-benefit requirements in Section 203 amount to a roadmap for industry interests to tie up regulations in endless litigation, delays, and red tape. With critical rulemakings to implement new requirements like position limits to control commodity price manipulation still incomplete almost four years after they became law, the addition of new barriers to action would be dramatic movement in the wrong direction.

Heightening the effect of the new cost-benefit provisions are new internal process requirements in Section 204 of the legislation. Section 204 would apparently change the CFTC's internal structure so that the entire five-member Commission directly supervised the activities of all key division directors. These key employees would 'serve at the pleasure' of the entire Commission, 'report directly' to the entire Commission, and perform duties as prescribed by the entire Commission. Currently, as in other Federal agencies supervised by a multi-member Commission, the Chair of the CFTC supervises the employees of the Commission. Giving direct control of all employee activities to an entire five-member Commission is a recipe for endless delay and bureaucratic red tape. Currently, individual Commissioners are able to hire their own personal staff and express their views on Commission activities through the voting process. Should this legislation pass, any individual Commissioner, even if their views were in the minority, could interfere directly with the activities of Commission staff in implementing the law.

PROVISIONS RELATED TO INTERNATIONAL DERIVATIVES MARKETS

Section 359 of the bill contains sweeping new restrictions on the ability of the CFTC to properly oversee derivatives transactions conducted through foreign subsidiaries of U.S. banks, even when such transactions have a direct and significant connection to the U.S. economy. We need only look at the example of J.P. Morgan's 'London Whale' transactions, or the London derivatives transactions of AIG Financial Products which resulted in the largest bailout in U.S. history, to see that derivatives transactions conducted through nominally overseas entities can have a profound impact on the U.S. economy. Over half of Wall Street derivatives transactions are currently booked in nominally foreign subsidiaries, and it is very likely that more could easily be transacted in this way if there was an incentive to do so to avoid regulation.

Section 359 of the bill, mirroring the 'Swaps Jurisdiction Certainty Act', controversial legislation which recently passed the House on a 301 to 124 vote, would create a presumption that U.S. rules would not govern transactions booked in major foreign jurisdictions. The legislation would force U.S. regulators to accept foreign rules for derivatives transactions booked by U.S. banks in any of the nine largest global financial markets. The CFTC could overturn this presumption that foreign rules would apply, but only through a complex procedure involving a joint determination with the Securities and Exchange Commission that foreign rules were not 'broadly equivalent' to U.S. rules,

supported by an official report to Congress. Furthermore, any rules governing these cross-border derivatives would have to be identical between the SEC and the CFTC, despite the fact that these agencies regulate very different parts of the derivatives markets and have differing jurisdictional authority under the Dodd-Frank Act.

The drastic new limitations placed on CFTC jurisdiction over cross-border derivatives would have a profound impact on the ability of U.S. regulators to properly oversee derivatives transactions. It would effectively overturn a key provision in Section 722 of the Dodd-Frank Act that gives the CFTC jurisdiction over all swaps transactions that have a 'direct and significant' effect on the U.S. economy. This provision of Dodd-Frank was put in place precisely to ensure that the trillions of dollars in swaps booked in offshore subsidiaries would be properly regulated and would not endanger the U.S. economy.

As mentioned above, this legislation also includes numerous other provisions targeted at various areas of CFTC regulation. Some of these provisions would take positive steps, while others could roll back financial protection in troubling ways. But even before considering these and other provisions positive or negative, the major new burdens the cost-benefit and international derivatives provisions of this bill place on the basic ability of the CFTC to do its job create overwhelming reasons to reject this legislation as currently written.

We urge you to vote against HR 4413 and preserve the CFTC's capacity to properly regulate crucial futures and derivatives markets. Thank you for your consideration. For more information please contact AFR's Policy Director, Marcus Stanley.

Sincerely,
AMERICANS FOR FINANCIAL REFORM.

CENTER FOR PROGRESSIVE REFORM,
Washington, DC, June 23, 2014.

DEAR REPRESENTATIVE, We, the undersigned, are Member Scholars with the Center for Progressive Reform (CPR), a research and education organization working to protect health, safety, and the environment. Collectively, we have several decades of experience in studying, writing about, and teaching administrative law in law schools across the United States. Based on this experience, we are submitting these comments with regard to Amendment 17 for H.R. 4413, the Consumer Protection and End-User Relief Act. This Amendment would change the standard of judicial review that courts would conduct for the cost-benefit analyses that the Commodity Futures Trading Commission (CFTC) would have to undertake for their rules under the bill from the "arbitrary and capricious" standard to the "abuse of discretion" standard.

This amendment appears to be based on a misunderstanding that the "abuse of discretion" standard is more lenient than the "arbitrary and capricious" standard. For all practical purposes, though, the two standards of review are identical in how they have been applied by reviewing courts. The real problem with this aspect of H.R. 4413 is that it permits judicial review of the CFTC's cost-benefit analyses at all. In reality, judicial review of these analyses is highly unusual and would therefore invite unnecessary unpredictability into the rulemaking process, which is probably why the authors of the judicial review provision in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act, 2 U.S.C. 1571, chose to preclude judicial review of the cost-benefit analysis itself and instead required that it be

made part of the entire rulemaking record considered by the court in any judicial review of a rule.

We thank you for taking these views under consideration.

Sincerely,

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RICHARD MURPHY,
AT&T Professor of Law, Texas Tech University.

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Mr. LUCAS. Mr. Chairman, I yield 3 minutes to the gentleman from California (Mr. LAMALFA) whose good work as a freestanding bill passed unanimously in this body.

Mr. LAMALFA. Mr. Chairman, I thank the chairman of the committee, Mr. LUCAS, for his help and support, as well as the big picture bill, H.R. 4413, which is a necessary and reasonable approach to the modest reforms that are needed to the overall legislation.

This measure includes badly needed reforms and policy changes that are necessary for the CFTC to run more efficiently, stabilize the commodities industry, and ensure continued growth in our agricultural sector.

The U.S. needs regulatory relief for end users and certainty for our markets. That is why I am pleased to report that my legislation, H.R. 1038, which the chairman mentioned, which passed the House on June 12, 2013, with unanimous support, is included in this bill.

H.R. 1038, the Public Power Risk Management Act, is a targeted reform that protects over 47 million Americans from unnecessary electricity and natural gas rate increases. These 47 million Americans are ratepayers of over 2,000 publicly owned utilities who use swaps and energy futures to manage their risks and stabilize costs.

Unfortunately, the Dodd-Frank Act, which was intended to make reforms to our Nation's financial industry, has inadvertently restricted public utilities' access to natural gas, electricity, and other energy futures.

For example, in my own district, the city of Redding's municipal utility believes that limitations to hedging options in the future will increase the

costs to their customers. This unintended consequence of Dodd-Frank is negatively impacting utilities in many congressional districts across the U.S. The impact of this limitation means fewer sources of energy for publicly owned utilities, which translates into higher costs for millions of American ratepayers.

H.R. 4413 will bring relief to commodity end users, utility ratepayers, and the greater agriculture community, a vital asset to our Nation. Let's keep this country and our ag community growing and doing business by passing this commonsense piece of legislation.

Mr. PETERSON. Mr. Chairman, I yield 30 seconds to the gentleman from Georgia (Mr. DAVID SCOTT).

Mr. DAVID SCOTT of Georgia. Mr. Chairman, I just wanted to clarify one point made by the gentlelady from New York, and I just pointed out to her, she was clear in her statement, and I am reading from the actual bill here where it says that:

Or other foreign jurisdiction as jointly determined by the Commission, shall be exempt from the United States swaps requirements in accordance with the schedule unless the Commission jointly determines that the regulatory requirements of the country or administrative region or other foreign jurisdiction are not broadly equivalent to the United States.

I just wanted to clear that up.

Mr. LUCAS. Mr. Chairman, I yield 2 minutes to the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. RODNEY DAVIS), who has a major component in this overall legislation.

Mr. RODNEY DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Chairman, I rise today in support of H.R. 4413, and I would like to thank my colleagues, especially Chairman LUCAS, for his leadership on this very important issue; Ranking Member PETERSON for his leadership; and also the subcommittee chairman, Mr. CONAWAY.

I am supportive of this bill because it provides relief to consumers, especially to our farmers and manufacturers. This bill also includes language that I developed that addresses regulations that could directly increase prices for consumers back home in Illinois and throughout this great country.

In crafting rules to implement Dodd-Frank, the CFTC imposed a real-time reporting requirement on all swaps markets. This has had a negative and unintended consequence on end users. This real-time reporting requirement has made it easier for market participants in certain sparsely traded markets to be exposed. And when these participants are exposed, it allows for others to take advantage of their positions and increase their costs of doing business for future trades.

These rarely traded swaps are used by only a handful of companies with excellent credit ratings to provide long-term protection against price fluctuations for commodities such as oil and jet fuel. The CFTC has long recognized the danger of disclosing counterparty identities in thinly traded markets. This bipartisan, common-

sense language is needed to help reinforce that long-standing policy.

As a member of the Agriculture Committee, I am pleased that we are reauthorizing this bill because it will provide relief to end users like farmers and manufacturers, and keep costs low for anyone wanting to travel by air, and all consumers. I support this legislation.

Mr. PETERSON. Mr. Chairman, I am pleased to yield 2 minutes to the gentleman from Maryland (Mr. SARBANES).

Mr. SARBANES. Mr. Chairman, I thank the ranking member for yielding.

Mr. Chairman, I wanted to come down and rise in opposition to this bill, and I wanted to get on the RECORD because I predict that there will come a time when there will be another financial crisis, and people will look back and they will say: Where were you when the CFTC reauthorization came up?

Six years ago, our economy and the lives of millions of Americans was thrown into a tailspin by a devastating financial crisis, spurred in large part by reckless behavior on Wall Street and a lack of transparency of and oversight over the global financial systems' derivatives market.

So we acted. Congress acted. We took steps. We passed Dodd-Frank. We strengthened the rules of the road. We brought derivatives markets out of the shadows, allowing regulators to better assess and reduce systemic risk, all working towards the goal of decreasing the chances of another financial crisis.

The problem is the opponents of reform did not give up. Over the past several years, the fight for meaningful financial reform has in large part now migrated to the regulatory agencies overseeing the implementation of Dodd-Frank, and now we return to the legislative arena with H.R. 4413, which represents in my view a dangerous attack on the authority and efficacy of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission.

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It erects an assortment of redundant hoops for regulators to jump through, empowers courts to unilaterally undercut the CFTC oversight, and dramatically reduces CFTC's ability to regulate overseas derivatives.

The forces opposing strong oversight of our financial markets have the luxury of existing in a political system that too often gives voices to the wealthy at the expense of the rest of America.

The only way we would pass this legislation is if we were suffering from collective amnesia, if we had completely forgotten what happened in 2008 and 2009 and were sleepwalking through our oversight responsibilities. We need to wake up and protect the American people from another financial crisis. I urge opposition to the bill.

I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. LUCAS. Mr. Chairman, might I inquire how much time remains for both sides?

The CHAIR. The gentleman from Oklahoma (Mr. LUCAS) has 11 minutes remaining. The gentleman from Minnesota (Mr. PETERSON) has 5 minutes remaining.

Mr. LUCAS. Mr. Chairman, I would note to my colleague, I have no additional speakers and would reserve the balance of my time to close.

Mr. PETERSON. Mr. Chairman, we have no other speakers on our side either.

In closing, I want to thank the chairman, Mr. LUCAS, and Congressman CONAWAY and Congressman SCOTT for their work on this bill, along with Members on both sides of the aisle for their work and their support.

I also want to thank the Agriculture Committee staff, especially Clark Ogilvie, who did all our work on Dodd-Frank and did the work on this bill. He has been working on these issues for a long time and I think is seen as one of the most knowledgeable—if not the most knowledgeable—staffers around. I want everybody to give him a round of applause and also announce that tomorrow he is leaving to become the chief of staff at the CFTC, so it is pretty good timing. We would like to thank Mr. Ogilvie for his work.

With that, I urge support of H.R. 4413 and yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. LUCAS. Mr. Chairman, I yield myself what time I might consume.

Mr. Chairman, I would like to remind all of my colleagues that once again the House Agriculture Committee, in the tradition of the House Agriculture Committee, has worked very diligently to address issues that are of great impact on rural America and on our national economy. In that tradition of bipartisanship—call it nonpartisanship if you want—Mr. PETERSON and I, Mr. CONAWAY, Mr. SCOTT have worked in full committee and subcommittee together to craft what is a reasonable, logical set of proposals to address some real issues out there.

Any of you who have observed this process know that the committee is not timid in trying to do the right thing; and we have a track record of however long it takes, however hard it is, to do the right thing.

Now, some will say this piece of legislation may or may not have an impact on the decisionmaking process in some other body. I would just note to you, we have identified, through all of the hearings and all the testimony and all the input from within government and without government, that there are some things that need to be done. With this piece of legislation, we will encourage progress on those issues.

I urge all of my colleagues, vote for H.R. 4413. Move the process along; help us get ultimately to a product that will address these problems. This is a rather substantial impact on the national economy. If we don't do the things that we are proposing in the Agriculture Committee that we do, harm will be done, job creation will be impacted,

every consumer and every working person will feel the effects negatively. So pass the bill. Pass the bill.

With that, Mr. Chairman, I yield back the balance of my time.

The CHAIR. All time for general debate has expired.

Pursuant to the rule, the bill shall be considered for amendment under the 5-minute rule.

It shall be in order to consider as an original bill for the purpose of amendment under the 5-minute rule an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 113-47. That amendment in the nature of a substitute shall be considered as read.

The text of the amendment in the nature of a substitute is as follows:

H.R. 4413

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the “Customer Protection and End-User Relief Act”.

SEC. 2. TABLE OF CONTENTS.

The table of contents of this Act is as follows:

Sec. 1. Short title.

Sec. 2. Table of contents.

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Sec. 205. Office of the Chief Economist.

Sec. 206. Procedures governing actions taken without a commission vote.

Sec. 207. Strategic technology plan.

Sec. 208. Internal risk controls.

Sec. 209. Subpoena duration and renewal.

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Sec. 211. Applicability of notice and comment requirements of the Administrative Procedure Act to guidance voted on by the Commission.

Sec. 212. Judicial review of Commission rules.

Sec. 213. GAO study on adequacy of CFTC resources.

Sec. 214. Disclosure of required data of other registered entities.

TITLE III—END-USER RELIEF

Sec. 301. Short title.

Subtitle A—End-User Exemption From Margin Requirements

Sec. 311. End-user margin requirements.

Sec. 312. Implementation.

Subtitle B—Inter-Affiliate Swaps

Sec. 321. Treatment of affiliate transactions.

Subtitle C—Indemnification Requirements Related to Swap Data Repositories

Sec. 331. Indemnification requirements.

Subtitle D—Relief for Municipal Utilities

Sec. 341. Transactions with utility special entities.

Sec. 342. Utility special entity defined.

Sec. 343. Utility operations-related swap.

Subtitle E—End-User Regulatory Relief

Sec. 351. End-users not treated as financial entities.

Sec. 352. Reporting of illiquid swaps so as to not disadvantage certain non-financial end-users.

Sec. 353. Relief for grain elevator operators, farmers, agricultural counterparties, and commercial market participants.

Sec. 354. Relief for end-users who use physical contracts with volumetric optionality.

Sec. 355. Commission vote required before automatic change of swap dealer de minimis level.

Sec. 356. Capital requirements for non-bank swap dealers.

Sec. 357. Harmonization with the Jumpstart Our Business Startups Act.

Sec. 358. Bona fide hedge defined to protect end-user risk management needs.

Sec. 359. Cross-border regulation of derivatives transactions.

Sec. 360. Report on foreign boards of trade.

Subtitle F—Effective Date

Sec. 371. Effective date.

TITLE I—CUSTOMER PROTECTIONS

SEC. 101. SHORT TITLE.

This title may be cited as the “Futures Customer Protection Act”.

SEC. 102. ENHANCED PROTECTIONS FOR FUTURES CUSTOMERS.

Section 17 of the Commodity Exchange Act (7 U.S.C. 21) is amended by adding at the end the following:

“(s) A registered futures association shall—
“(1) require each member of the association that is a futures commission merchant to maintain written policies and procedures regarding the maintenance of—

“(A) the residual interest of the member, as described in section 1.23 of title 17, Code of Federal Regulations, in any customer segregated funds account of the member, as identified in section 1.20 of such title, and in any foreign futures and foreign options customer secured amount funds account of the member, as identified in section 30.7 of such title; and
“(B) the residual interest of the member, as described in section 22.2(e)(4) of such title, in any cleared swaps customer collateral account of the member, as identified in section 22.2 of such title; and

“(2) establish rules to govern the withdrawal, transfer or disbursement by any member of the association, that is a futures commission merchant, of the member’s residual interest in customer segregated funds as provided in such section 1.20, in foreign futures and foreign options customer secured amount funds, identified as provided in such section 30.7, and from a cleared swaps customer collateral, identified as provided in such section 22.2.”.

SEC. 103. ELECTRONIC CONFIRMATION OF CUSTOMER FUNDS.

Section 17 of the Commodity Exchange Act (7 U.S.C. 21), as amended by section 102 of this Act, is amended by adding at the end the following:

“(t) A registered futures association shall require any member of the association that is a futures commission merchant to—

“(1) use an electronic system or systems to report financial and operational information to the association, including information related to customer segregated funds, foreign futures and foreign options customer secured amount funds accounts, and cleared swaps customer collateral, in accordance with such terms, conditions, documentation standards, and regular time intervals as are established by the association;

“(2) instruct each depository, including any bank, trust company, derivatives clearing organization, or futures commission merchant, holding customer segregated funds under section 1.20 of title 17, Code of Federal Regulations, foreign futures and foreign options customer secured amount funds under section 30.7 of such title, or cleared swap customer funds under section 22.2 of such title, to report balances in the futures commission merchant’s section 1.20 customer segregated funds, section 30.7 foreign futures and foreign options customer secured amount funds, and section 22.2 cleared swap customer funds, to the registered futures association or another party designated by the registered futures association, in the form, manner, and interval prescribed by the registered futures association; and

“(3) hold section 1.20 customer segregated funds, section 30.7 foreign futures and foreign options customer secured amount funds and section 22.2 cleared swaps customer funds in a depository that reports the balances in these accounts of the futures commission merchant held at the depository to the registered futures association or another party designated by the registered futures association in the form, manner, and interval prescribed by the registered futures association.”.

SEC. 104. NOTICE AND CERTIFICATIONS PROVIDING ADDITIONAL CUSTOMER PROTECTIONS.

Section 17 of the Commodity Exchange Act (7 U.S.C. 21), as amended by sections 102 and 103 of this Act, is amended by adding at the end the following:

“(u) A futures commission merchant that has adjusted net capital in an amount less than the amount required by regulations established by the Commission or a self-regulatory organization of which the futures commission merchant is a member shall immediately notify the Commission and the self-regulatory organization of this occurrence.

“(v) A futures commission merchant that does not hold a sufficient amount of funds in segregated accounts for futures customers under section 1.20 of title 17, Code of Federal Regulations, in foreign futures and foreign options secured amount accounts for foreign futures and foreign options secured amount customers under section 30.7 of such title, or in segregated accounts for cleared swap customers under section 22.2 of such title, as required by regulations established by the Commission or a self-regulatory organization of which the futures commission merchant is a member, shall immediately notify the Commission and the self-regulatory organization of this occurrence.

“(w) Within such time period established by the Commission after the end of each fiscal year, a futures commission merchant shall file with the Commission a report from the chief compliance officer of the futures commission merchant containing an assessment of the internal compliance programs of the futures commission merchant.”.

SEC. 105. FUTURES COMMISSION MERCHANT COMPLIANCE.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 4d(a) of the Commodity Exchange Act (7 U.S.C. 6d(a)) is amended—

(1) by redesignating paragraphs (1) and (2) as subparagraphs (A) and (B);

(2) by inserting “(1)” before “It shall be unlawful”; and

(3) by adding at the end the following new paragraph:

“(2) Any rules or regulations requiring a futures commission merchant to maintain a residual interest in accounts held for the benefit of customers in amounts at least sufficient to exceed the sum of all uncollected margin deficits of such customers shall provide that a futures commission merchant shall meet its residual interest requirement as of the end of each business day calculated as of the close of business on the previous business day.”.

(b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section 4d(h) of the Commodity Exchange Act (7 U.S.C. 6d(h)) is amended by striking “Notwithstanding subsection (a)(2)” and inserting “Notwithstanding subsection (a)(1)(B)”.

SEC. 106. CERTAINTY FOR FUTURES CUSTOMERS AND MARKET PARTICIPANTS.

Section 20(a) of the Commodity Exchange Act (7 U.S.C. 24(a)) is amended—

(1) by striking “and” at the end of paragraph (4);

(2) by striking the period at the end of paragraph (5) and inserting “; and”; and

(3) by adding at the end the following:

“(6) that cash, securities, or other property of the estate of a commodity broker, including the trading or operating accounts of the commodity broker and commodities held in inventory by the commodity broker, shall be included in customer property, subject to any otherwise unavoidable security interest, or otherwise unavoidable contractual offset or netting rights of creditors (including rights set forth in a rule or bylaw of a derivatives clearing organization or a clearing agency) in respect of such property, but only to the extent that the property that is otherwise customer property is insufficient to satisfy the net equity claims of public customers (as such term may be defined by the Commission by rule or regulation) of the commodity broker.”.

SEC. 107. STUDY ON HIGH-FREQUENCY TRADING.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than one year after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Commodity Futures Trading Commission shall submit to the Committee on Agriculture of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry of the Senate a report examining the effect of the practice commonly referred to as high-frequency trading on markets under its jurisdiction.

(b) SPECIFIC AREAS EXAMINED IN REPORT.—In preparing the report submitted under subsection (a), the Commission shall particularly examine each of the following areas:

(1) The technology, personnel, or other resources the Commission may require for purposes of monitoring the effect of high-frequency trading.

(2) The role such trading plays in providing market liquidity.

(3) Whether the technology creates discrepancies in the marketplace between market participants.

(4) Whether the existing authority of the Commission with respect to such trading is sufficient to meet the Commission’s mission to—

(A) protect market participants and the public from fraud, manipulation, abusive practices, and systemic risk related to derivatives; and

(B) foster transparent, open, competitive, and financially sound markets.

TITLE II—COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION REFORMS

SEC. 201. SHORT TITLE.

This title may be cited as the “Commodity Futures Trading Commission Reform Act”.

SEC. 202. EXTENSION OF OPERATIONS.

Section 12(d) of the Commodity Exchange Act (7 U.S.C. 16(d)) is amended by striking “2013” and inserting “2018”.

SEC. 203. CONSIDERATION BY THE COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION OF THE COSTS AND BENEFITS OF ITS REGULATIONS AND ORDERS.

Section 15(a) of the Commodity Exchange Act (7 U.S.C. 19(a)) is amended by striking paragraphs (1) and (2) and inserting the following:

“(1) IN GENERAL.—Before promulgating a regulation under this Act or issuing an order (except as provided in paragraph (3)), the Commission, through the Office of the Chief Economist, shall assess and publish in the regulation or order the costs and benefits, both qualitative and quantitative, of the proposed regulation or order, and the proposed regulation or order shall state its statutory justification.

“(2) CONSIDERATIONS.—In making a reasoned determination of the costs and the benefits, the Commission shall evaluate—

“(A) considerations of protection of market participants and the public;

“(B) considerations of the efficiency, competitiveness, and financial integrity of futures and swaps markets;

“(C) considerations of the impact on market liquidity in the futures and swaps markets;

“(D) considerations of price discovery;

“(E) considerations of sound risk management practices;

“(F) available alternatives to direct regulation;

“(G) the degree and nature of the risks posed by various activities within the scope of its jurisdiction;

“(H) the costs of complying with the proposed regulation or order by all regulated entities, including a methodology for quantifying the costs (recognizing that some costs are difficult to quantify);

“(I) whether the proposed regulation or order is inconsistent, incompatible, or duplicative of other Federal regulations or orders;

“(J) whether, in choosing among alternative regulatory approaches, those approaches maximize net benefits (including potential economic and other benefits, distributive impacts, and equity); and

“(K) other public interest considerations.”.

SEC. 204. DIVISION DIRECTORS.

Section 2(a)(6)(C) of the Commodity Exchange Act (7 U.S.C. 2(a)(6)(C)) is amended by inserting “, and the heads of the units shall serve at the pleasure of the Commission, report directly to the Commission, and perform such functions and duties as the Commission may prescribe” before the period.

SEC. 205. OFFICE OF THE CHIEF ECONOMIST.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 2(a) of the Commodity Exchange Act (7 U.S.C. 2(a)) is amended by adding at the end the following:

“(17) OFFICE OF THE CHIEF ECONOMIST.—

“(A) ESTABLISHMENT.—There is established in the Commission the Office of the Chief Economist.

“(B) HEAD.—The Office of the Chief Economist shall be headed by the Chief Economist, who shall be appointed by the Commission and serve at the pleasure of the Commission.

“(C) FUNCTIONS.—The Chief Economist shall report directly to the Commission and perform such functions and duties as the Commission may prescribe.

“(D) PROFESSIONAL STAFF.—The Commission shall appoint such other economists as may be necessary to assist the Chief Economist in performing such economic analysis, regulatory cost-benefit analysis, or research as the Commission may direct.”.

(b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section 2(a)(6)(A) of such Act (7 U.S.C. 2(a)(6)(A)) is amended by striking “(4) and (5)” and inserting “(4), (5), and (17)”.

SEC. 206. PROCEDURES GOVERNING ACTIONS TAKEN WITHOUT A COMMISSION VOTE.

Section 2(a)(12) of the Commodity Exchange Act (7 U.S.C. 2(a)(12)) is amended—

(1) by striking “(12) The” and inserting the following:

“(12) RULES AND REGULATIONS.—

“(A) IN GENERAL.—Subject to the other provisions of this paragraph, the”; and

(2) by adding after and below the end the following new subparagraph:

“(B) NOTICE TO COMMISSION.—The Commission shall develop and publish internal procedures governing the issuance by any division or office of the Commission of any response to a formal, written request or petition from any member of the public for an exemptive, a no-action, or an interpretive letter and such procedures shall provide that the Commission be provided with the final version of the matter to be issued with sufficient notice to thoroughly review the matter prior to its issuance.”.

SEC. 207. STRATEGIC TECHNOLOGY PLAN.

Section 2(a) of the Commodity Exchange Act (7 U.S.C. 2(a)), as amended by section 204(a) of

this Act, is amended by adding at the end the following:

“(18) STRATEGIC TECHNOLOGY PLAN.—

“(A) IN GENERAL.—Every 5 years, the Commission shall develop and submit to the Committee on Agriculture of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry of the Senate a detailed plan focused on the acquisition and use of technology by the Commission.

“(B) CONTENTS.—The plan shall—

“(i) include for each related division or office a detailed technology strategy focused on market surveillance and risk detection, market data collection, aggregation, interpretation, standardization, harmonization, normalization, validation, streamlining or other data analytic processes, and internal management and protection of data collected by the Commission, including a detailed accounting of how the funds provided for technology will be used and the priorities that will apply in the use of the funds; and

“(ii) set forth annual goals to be accomplished and annual budgets needed to accomplish the goals.”.

SEC. 208. INTERNAL RISK CONTROLS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 2(a)(12) of the Commodity Exchange Act (7 U.S.C. 2(a)(12)), as amended by section 206 of this Act, is amended by adding at the end the following:

“(C) INTERNAL RISK CONTROLS.—The Commission, in consultation with the Chief Economist, shall develop comprehensive internal risk control mechanisms to safeguard and govern the storage of all market data by the Commission, all market data sharing agreements of the Commission, and all academic research performed at the Commission using market data.”.

(b) REPORTS TO THE CONGRESS.—

(1) CONTENT.—The Commission shall submit to the Committee on Agriculture of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry of the Senate 2 reports on the progress made in implementing the internal risk controls provided for in section 2(a)(12)(C) of the Commodity Exchange Act.

(2) TIMING.—The Commission shall submit the 1st report required by paragraph (1) within 60 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, and the 2nd such report within 120 days after such date of enactment.

SEC. 209. SUBPOENA DURATION AND RENEWAL.

Section 6(e)(5) of the Commodity Exchange Act (7 U.S.C. 9(5)) is amended—

(1) by striking “(5) SUBPOENA.—For” and inserting the following:

“(5) SUBPOENA.—

“(A) IN GENERAL.—For”; and

(2) by adding after and below the end the following:

“(B) CONTENT OF ORDER.—An order of the Commission authorizing the issuance of a subpoena in an investigation shall state in good faith—

“(i) the legitimate purpose of the investigation; and

“(ii) the information sought by any subpoena order that will be reasonably relevant to that purpose.

“(C) DURATION AND RENEWAL.—An order issued under this paragraph shall not be for an indefinite duration and may be renewed only by Commission action.”.

SEC. 210. IMPLEMENTATION PLAN FOR COMMISSION RULEMAKINGS.

Section 2(a)(12) of the Commodity Exchange Act (7 U.S.C. 2(a)(12)), as amended by sections 206 and 208(a) of this Act, is amended by adding at the end the following:

“(D) REQUIREMENT TO PUBLISH IMPLEMENTATION PLAN FOR COMMISSION RULES.—The Commission shall direct its staff to develop and publish in any proposed rule a plan for—

“(i) when and for how long the proposed rule will be subject to public comment; and

“(ii) by when compliance with the final rule will be required.”.

SEC. 211. APPLICABILITY OF NOTICE AND COMMENT REQUIREMENTS OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURE ACT TO GUIDANCE VOTED ON BY THE COMMISSION.

Section 2(a)(12) of the Commodity Exchange Act (7 U.S.C. 2(a)(12)), as amended by sections 206, 208(a), and 210 of this Act, is amended by adding at the end the following:

“(E) APPLICABILITY OF NOTICE AND COMMENT RULES TO GUIDANCE VOTED ON BY THE COMMISSION.—The notice and comment requirements of chapter 5 of title 5, United States Code, shall also apply with respect to any guidance issued by the Commission.”.

SEC. 212. JUDICIAL REVIEW OF COMMISSION RULES.

The Commodity Exchange Act (7 U.S.C. 1 et seq.) is amended by adding at the end the following:

“SEC. 24. JUDICIAL REVIEW OF COMMISSION RULES.

“(a) A person adversely affected by a rule of the Commission promulgated under this Act may obtain review of the rule in the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit or the United States Court of Appeals for the circuit where the party resides or has the principal place of business, by filing in the court, within 60 days after publication in the Federal Register of the entry of the rule, a written petition requesting that the rule be set aside.

“(b) A copy of the petition shall be transmitted forthwith by the clerk of the court to an officer designated by the Commission for that purpose. Thereupon the Commission shall file in the court the record on which the rule complained of is entered, as provided in section 2112 of title 28, United States Code, and the Federal Rules of Appellate Procedure.

“(c) On the filing of the petition, the court has jurisdiction, which becomes exclusive on the filing of the record, to affirm and enforce or to set aside the rule.

“(d) The court shall affirm and enforce the rule unless the Commission’s action in promulgating the rule is found to be arbitrary, capricious, an abuse of discretion, or otherwise not in accordance with law; contrary to constitutional right, power, privilege, or immunity; in excess of statutory jurisdiction, authority, or limitations, or short of statutory right; or without observance of procedure required by law.”.

SEC. 213. GAO STUDY ON ADEQUACY OF CFTC RESOURCES.

(a) STUDY.—The Comptroller General of the United States shall conduct a study of the resources of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission that—

(1) assesses whether the resources of the Commission are sufficient to enable the Commission to effectively carry out the duties of the Commission; and

(2) examines the prior expenditures of the Commission on hardware, software, and analytical processes designed to protect customers in the areas of—

(A) market surveillance and risk detection; and

(B) market data collection, aggregation, interpretation, standardization, harmonization, normalization, validation, and streamlining or other data analytic processes.

(b) REPORT.—Not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Comptroller General of the United States shall submit to the Committee on Agriculture of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry of the Senate a report that contains the results of the study.

SEC. 214. DISCLOSURE OF REQUIRED DATA OF OTHER REGISTERED ENTITIES.

Section 8 of the Commodity Exchange Act (7 U.S.C. 12) is amended by adding at the end the following:

“(j) DISCLOSURE OF REQUIRED DATA OF OTHER REGISTERED ENTITIES.—

“(1) Except as provided in this subsection, the Commission may not be compelled to disclose

any proprietary information provided to the Commission, except that nothing in this subsection—

“(A) authorizes the Commission to withhold information from Congress, upon an agreement of confidentiality; or

“(B) prevents the Commission from—

“(i) complying with a request for information from any other Federal department or agency, any State or political subdivision thereof, or any foreign government or any department, agency, or political subdivision thereof requesting the report or information for purposes within the scope of its jurisdiction, upon an agreement of confidentiality to protect the information in a manner consistent with this paragraph and subsection (e); or

“(ii) a disclosure made pursuant to a court order in connection with an administrative or judicial proceeding brought under this Act, in any receivership proceeding involving a receiver appointed in a judicial proceeding brought under this Act, or in any bankruptcy proceeding in which the Commission has intervened or in which the Commission has the right to appear and be heard under title 11 of the United States Code.

“(2) Any proprietary information of a commodity trading advisor or commodity pool operator ascertained by the Commission in connection with Form CPO-PQR, Form CTA-PR, and any successor forms thereto, shall be subject to the same limitations on public disclosure, as any facts ascertained during an investigation, as provided by subsection (a); provided, however, that the Commission shall not be precluded from publishing aggregate information compiled from such forms, to the extent such aggregate information does not identify any individual person or firm, or such person’s proprietary information.

“(3) For purposes of section 552 of title 5, United States Code, this subsection, and the information contemplated herein, shall be considered a statute described in subsection (b)(3)(B) of such section 552.

“(4) For purposes of the definition of proprietary information in paragraph (5), the records and reports of any client account or commodity pool to which a commodity trading advisor or commodity pool operator registered under this title provides services that are filed with the Commission on Form CPO-PQR, CTA-PR, and any successor forms thereto, shall be deemed to be the records and reports of the commodity trading advisor or commodity pool operator, respectively.

“(5) For purposes of this section, proprietary information of a commodity trading advisor or commodity pool operator includes sensitive, non-public information regarding—

“(A) the commodity trading advisor, commodity pool operator or the trading strategies of the commodity trading advisor or commodity pool operator;

“(B) analytical or research methodologies of a commodity trading advisor or commodity pool operator;

“(C) trading data of a commodity trading advisor or commodity pool operator; and

“(D) computer hardware or software containing intellectual property of a commodity trading advisor or commodity pool operator.”.

TITLE III—END-USER RELIEF

SEC. 301. SHORT TITLE.

This title may be cited as the “End-User Relief and Market Certainty Act”.

Subtitle A—End-User Exemption From Margin Requirements

SEC. 311. END-USER MARGIN REQUIREMENTS.

(a) COMMODITY EXCHANGE ACT AMENDMENT.—Section 4s(e) of the Commodity Exchange Act (7 U.S.C. 6s(e)) is amended by adding at the end the following new paragraph:

“(4) APPLICABILITY WITH RESPECT TO COUNTERPARTIES.—The requirements of para-

graphs (2)(A)(ii) and (2)(B)(ii), including the initial and variation margin requirements imposed by rules adopted pursuant to paragraphs (2)(A)(ii) and (2)(B)(ii), shall not apply to a swap in which a counterparty qualifies for an exception under section 2(h)(7)(A), or an exemption issued under section 4(c)(1) from the requirements of section 2(h)(1)(A) for cooperative entities as defined in such exemption, or satisfies the criteria in section 2(h)(7)(D).”.

(b) SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934 AMENDMENT.—Section 15F(e) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (15 U.S.C. 78o–10(e)) is amended by adding at the end the following new paragraph:

“(4) APPLICABILITY WITH RESPECT TO COUNTERPARTIES.—The requirements of paragraphs (2)(A)(ii) and (2)(B)(ii) shall not apply to a security-based swap in which a counterparty qualifies for an exception under section 3C(g)(1) or satisfies the criteria in section 3C(g)(4).”.

SEC. 312. IMPLEMENTATION.

The amendment made to the Commodity Exchange Act by this subtitle shall be implemented—

(1) without regard to—

(A) chapter 35 of title 44, United States Code; and

(B) the notice and comment provisions of section 553 of title 5, United States Code;

(2) through the promulgation of an interim final rule, pursuant to which public comment will be sought before a final rule is issued; and

(3) such that paragraph (1) shall apply solely to changes to rules and regulations, or proposed rules and regulations, that are limited to and directly a consequence of the amendment.

Subtitle B—Inter-Affiliate Swaps

SEC. 321. TREATMENT OF AFFILIATE TRANSACTIONS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—

(1) COMMODITY EXCHANGE ACT AMENDMENT.—Section 2(h)(7)(D)(i) of the Commodity Exchange Act (7 U.S.C. 2(h)(7)(D)(i)) is amended to read as follows:

“(i) IN GENERAL.—An affiliate of a person that qualifies for an exception under subparagraph (A) (including affiliate entities predominantly engaged in providing financing for the purchase of the merchandise or manufactured goods of the person) may qualify for the exception only if the affiliate enters into the swap to hedge or mitigate the commercial risk of the person or other affiliate of the person that is not a financial entity, provided that if the transfer of commercial risk is addressed by entering into a swap with a swap dealer or major swap participant, an appropriate credit support measure or other mechanism is utilized.”.

(2) SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934 AMENDMENT.—Section 3C(g)(4)(A) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (15 U.S.C. 78c–3(g)(4)(A)) is amended to read as follows:

“(A) IN GENERAL.—An affiliate of a person that qualifies for an exception under paragraph (1) (including affiliate entities predominantly engaged in providing financing for the purchase of the merchandise or manufactured goods of the person) may qualify for the exception only if the affiliate enters into the security-based swap to hedge or mitigate the commercial risk of the person or other affiliate of the person that is not a financial entity, provided that if the transfer of commercial risk is addressed by entering into a security-based swap with a security-based swap dealer or major security-based swap participant, an appropriate credit support measure or other mechanism is utilized.”.

(b) APPLICABILITY OF CREDIT SUPPORT MEASURE REQUIREMENT.—Notwithstanding section 371 of this Act, the requirements in section 2(h)(7)(D)(i) of the Commodity Exchange Act and section 3C(g)(4)(A) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended by subsection (a), requiring that a credit support measure or other mechanism be utilized if the transfer of commercial risk referred to in such sections is

addressed by entering into a swap with a swap dealer or major swap participant or a security-based swap with a security-based swap dealer or major security-based swap participant, as appropriate, shall not apply with respect to swaps or security-based swaps, as appropriate, entered into before the date of the enactment of this Act.

**Subtitle C—Indemnification Requirements
Related to Swap Data Repositories**

SEC. 331. INDEMNIFICATION REQUIREMENTS.

(a) **DERIVATIVES CLEARING ORGANIZATIONS.**—Section 5b(k)(5) of the Commodity Exchange Act (7 U.S.C. 7a–1(k)(5)) is amended to read as follows:

“(5) **CONFIDENTIALITY AGREEMENT.**—Before the Commission may share information with any entity described in paragraph (4), the Commission shall receive a written agreement from each entity stating that the entity shall abide by the confidentiality requirements described in section 8 relating to the information on swap transactions that is provided.”.

(b) **SWAP DATA REPOSITORIES.**—Section 21(d) of such Act (7 U.S.C. 24a(d)) is amended to read as follows:

“(d) **CONFIDENTIALITY AGREEMENT.**—Before the swap data repository may share information with any entity described in subsection (c)(7), the swap data repository shall receive a written agreement from each entity stating that the entity shall abide by the confidentiality requirements described in section 8 relating to the information on swap transactions that is provided.”.

(c) **SECURITY-BASED SWAP DATA REPOSITORIES.**—Section 13(n)(5)(H) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (15 U.S.C. 78m(n)(5)(H)) is amended to read as follows:

“(H) **CONFIDENTIALITY AGREEMENT.**—Before the security-based swap data repository may share information with any entity described in subparagraph (G), the security-based swap data repository shall receive a written agreement from each entity stating that the entity shall abide by the confidentiality requirements described in section 24 relating to the information on security-based swap transactions that is provided.”.

Subtitle D—Relief for Municipal Utilities

SEC. 341. TRANSACTIONS WITH UTILITY SPECIAL ENTITIES.

Section 1a(49) of the Commodity Exchange Act (7 U.S.C. 1a(49)) is amended by adding at the end the following:

“(E) **CERTAIN TRANSACTIONS WITH A UTILITY SPECIAL ENTITY.**—

“(i) Transactions in utility operations-related swaps shall be reported pursuant to section 4r.

“(ii) In making a determination to exempt pursuant to subparagraph (D), the Commission shall treat a utility operations-related swap entered into with a utility special entity, as defined in section 4s(h)(2)(D), as if it were entered into with an entity that is not a special entity, as defined in section 4s(h)(2)(C).”.

SEC. 342. UTILITY SPECIAL ENTITY DEFINED.

Section 4s(h)(2) of the Commodity Exchange Act (7 U.S.C. 6s(h)(2)) is amended by adding at the end the following:

“(D) **UTILITY SPECIAL ENTITY.**—For purposes of this Act, the term ‘utility special entity’ means a special entity, or any instrumentality, department, or corporation or established by a State or political subdivision of a State, that—

“(i) owns or operates an electric or natural gas facility or an electric or natural gas operation;

“(ii) supplies natural gas and or electric energy to another utility special entity;

“(iii) has public service obligations under Federal, State, or local law or regulation to deliver electric energy or natural gas service to customers; or

“(iv) is a Federal power marketing agency, as defined in section 3 of the Federal Power Act.”.

SEC. 343. UTILITY OPERATIONS-RELATED SWAP.

(a) **SWAP FURTHER DEFINED.**—Section 1a(47)(A)(iii) of the Commodity Exchange Act (7 U.S.C. 1a(47)(A)(iii)) is amended—

(1) by striking “and” at the end of subclause (XXI);

(2) by adding “and” at the end of subclause (XXII); and

(3) by adding at the end the following:

“(XXIII) a utility operations-related swap;”.

(b) **UTILITY OPERATIONS-RELATED SWAP DEFINED.**—Section 1a of such Act (7 U.S.C. 1a) is amended by adding at the end the following:

“(52) **UTILITY OPERATIONS-RELATED SWAP.**—

The term ‘utility operations-related swap’ means a swap that—

“(A) is entered into to hedge or mitigate a commercial risk;

“(B) is not a contract, agreement, or transaction based on, derived on, or referencing—

“(i) an interest rate, credit, equity, or currency asset class; or

“(ii) a metal, agricultural commodity, or crude oil or gasoline commodity of any grade, except as used as fuel for electric energy generation; and

“(C) is associated with—

“(i) the generation, production, purchase, or sale of natural gas or electric energy, the supply of natural gas or electric energy to a utility, or the delivery of natural gas or electric energy service to utility customers;

“(ii) all fuel supply for the facilities or operations of a utility;

“(iii) compliance with an electric system reliability obligation;

“(iv) compliance with an energy, energy efficiency, conservation, or renewable energy or environmental statute, regulation, or government order applicable to a utility; or

“(v) any other electric energy or natural gas swap to which a utility is a party.”.

Subtitle E—End-User Regulatory Relief

SEC. 351. END-USERS NOT TREATED AS FINANCIAL ENTITIES.

(a) **IN GENERAL.**—Section 2(h)(7)(C)(iii) of the Commodity Exchange Act (7 U.S.C. 2(h)(7)(C)(iii)) is amended to read as follows:

“(iii) **LIMITATION.**—Such definition shall not include an entity—

“(I) whose primary business is providing financing, and who uses derivatives for the purpose of hedging underlying commercial risks related to interest rate and foreign currency exposures, 90 percent or more of which arise from financing that facilitates the purchase or lease of products, 90 percent or more of which are manufactured by the parent company or another subsidiary of the parent company; or

“(II) who is not supervised by a prudential regulator, and is not described in any of subclauses (I) through (VII) of clause (i), and—

“(aa) is a commercial market participant and is considered a financial entity under clause (i)(VIII) because the entity predominantly engages in physical delivery contracts; or

“(bb) enters into swaps, contracts for future delivery, and other derivatives on behalf of, or to hedge or mitigate the commercial risk of, whether directly or in the aggregate, affiliates that are not so supervised or described.”.

(b) **COMMERCIAL MARKET PARTICIPANT DEFINED.**—

(1) **IN GENERAL.**—Section 1a of such Act (7 U.S.C. 1a), as amended by section 343(b) of this Act, is amended by redesignating paragraphs (8) through (52) as paragraphs (9) through (53), respectively, and by inserting after paragraph (6) the following:

“(7) **COMMERCIAL MARKET PARTICIPANT.**—The term ‘commercial market participant’ means any producer, processor, merchant, or commercial user of an exempt or agricultural commodity, or the products or byproducts of such a commodity.”.

(2) **CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.**—

(A) Section 1a of such Act (7 U.S.C. 1a) is amended—

(i) in subparagraph (A) of paragraph (18) (as so redesignated by paragraph (1) of this subsection), in the matter preceding clause (i), by striking “(18)(A)” and inserting “(19)(A)”; and

(ii) in subparagraph (A)(vii) of paragraph (19) (as so redesignated by paragraph (1) of this subsection), in the matter following subclause (III), by striking “(17)(A)” and inserting “(18)(A)”.

(B) Section 4(c)(1)(A)(i)(I) of such Act (7 U.S.C. 6(c)(1)(A)(i)(I)) is amended by striking “(7), paragraph (18)(A)(vii)(III), paragraphs (23), (24), (31), (32), (38), (39), (41), (42), (46), (47), (48), and (49)” and inserting “(8), paragraph (19)(A)(vii)(III), paragraphs (24), (25), (32), (33), (39), (40), (42), (43), (47), (48), (49), and (50)”.

(C) Section 4q(a)(1) of such Act (7 U.S.C. 6o–1(a)(1)) is amended by striking “1a(9)” and inserting “1a(10)”.

(D) Section 4s(f)(1)(D) of such Act (7 U.S.C. 6s(f)(1)(D)) is amended by striking “1a(47)(A)(v)” and inserting “1a(48)(A)(v)”.

(E) Section 4s(h)(5)(A)(i) of such Act (7 U.S.C. 6s(h)(5)(A)(i)) is amended by striking “1a(18)” and inserting “1a(19)”.

(F) Section 4t(b)(1)(C) of such Act (7 U.S.C. 6t(b)(1)(C)) is amended by striking “1a(47)(A)(v)” and inserting “1a(48)(A)(v)”.

(G) Section 5(d)(23) of such Act (7 U.S.C. 7(d)(23)) is amended by striking “1a(47)(A)(v)” and inserting “1a(48)(A)(v)”.

(H) Section 5(e)(1) of such Act (7 U.S.C. 7(e)(1)) is amended by striking “1a(9)” and inserting “1a(10)”.

(I) Section 5b(k)(3)(A) of such Act (7 U.S.C. 7a–1(k)(3)(A)) is amended by striking “1a(47)(A)(v)” and inserting “1a(48)(A)(v)”.

(J) Section 5c(c)(4)(B) of such Act (7 U.S.C. 7a–2(c)(4)(B)) is amended by striking “1a(10)” and inserting “1a(11)”.

(K) Section 5h(f)(10)(A)(iii) of such Act (7 U.S.C. 7b–3(f)(10)(A)(iii)) is amended by striking “1a(47)(A)(v)” and inserting “1a(48)(A)(v)”.

(L) Section 21(f)(4)(C) of such Act (7 U.S.C. 24a(f)(4)(C)) is amended by striking “1a(48)” and inserting “1a(49)”.

SEC. 352. REPORTING OF ILLIQUID SWAPS SO AS TO NOT DISADVANTAGE CERTAIN NON-FINANCIAL END-USERS.

Section 2(a)(13) of the Commodity Exchange Act (7 U.S.C. 2(a)(13)) is amended—

(1) in subparagraph (C), by striking “The Commission” and inserting “Except as provided in subparagraph (D), the Commission”; and

(2) by redesignating subparagraphs (D) through (G) as subparagraphs (E) through (H), respectively, and inserting after subparagraph (C) the following:

“(D) **REQUIREMENTS FOR SWAP TRANSACTIONS IN ILLIQUID MARKETS.**—Notwithstanding subparagraph (C):

“(i) The Commission shall provide by rule for the public reporting of swap transactions, including price and volume data, in illiquid markets that are not cleared and entered into by a non-financial entity that is hedging or mitigating commercial risk in accordance with subsection (h)(7)(A).

“(ii) The Commission shall ensure that the swap transaction information referred to in clause (i) of this subparagraph is available to the public no sooner than 30 days after the swap transaction has been executed or at such later date as the Commission determines appropriate to protect the identity of participants and positions in illiquid markets and to prevent the elimination or reduction of market liquidity.

“(iii) In this subparagraph, the term ‘illiquid markets’ means any market in which the volume and frequency of trading in swaps is at such a level as to allow identification of individual market participants.”.

SEC. 353. RELIEF FOR GRAIN ELEVATOR OPERATORS, FARMERS, AGRICULTURAL COUNTERPARTIES, AND COMMERCIAL MARKET PARTICIPANTS.

The Commodity Exchange Act (7 U.S.C. 1 et seq.) is amended by inserting after section 4t the following:

“SEC. 4u. RECORDKEEPING REQUIREMENTS APPLICABLE TO NON-REGISTERED MEMBERS OF CERTAIN REGISTERED ENTITIES.

“Except as provided in section 4(a)(3), a member of a designated contract market or a swap execution facility that is not registered with the Commission and not required to be registered with the Commission in any capacity shall satisfy the recordkeeping requirements of this Act and any recordkeeping rule, order, or regulation under this Act by maintaining a written record of each transaction in a contract for future delivery, option on a future, swap, swaption, trade option, or related cash or forward transaction. The written record shall be sufficient if it includes the final agreement between the parties and the material economic terms of the transaction and is identifiable and searchable by transaction.”.

SEC. 354. RELIEF FOR END-USERS WHO USE PHYSICAL CONTRACTS WITH VOLUMETRIC OPTIONALITY.

Section 1a(47)(B)(ii) of the Commodity Exchange Act (7 U.S.C. 1a(47)(B)(ii)) is amended to read as follows:

“(ii) any purchase or sale of a nonfinancial commodity or security for deferred shipment or delivery, so long as the transaction is intended to be physically settled, including any stand-alone or embedded option—

“(I) for which exercise results in a physical delivery obligation;

“(II) that cannot be severed or marketed separately from the overall transaction for the purpose of financial settlement; and

“(III) for which both parties are commercial market participants.”.

SEC. 355. COMMISSION VOTE REQUIRED BEFORE AUTOMATIC CHANGE OF SWAP DEALER DE MINIMIS LEVEL.

Section 1a(49)(D) of the Commodity Exchange Act (7 U.S.C. 1a(49)(D)) is amended—

(1) by striking all that precedes “shall exempt” and inserting the following:

“(D) DE MINIMIS EXCEPTION.—

“(i) IN GENERAL.—The Commission”; and

(2) by adding after and below the end the following new clause:

“(ii) SPECIAL RULE.—The de minimis quantity of swap dealing as described in clause (i) that is currently set at a quantity of \$8,000,000,000 shall only be amended or reduced through a new affirmative action of the Commission undertaken by rule or regulation.”.

SEC. 356. CAPITAL REQUIREMENTS FOR NON-BANK SWAP DEALERS.

(a) COMMODITY EXCHANGE ACT.—Section 4s(e) of the Commodity Exchange Act (7 U.S.C. 6s(e)) is amended—

(1) in paragraph (2)(B), by striking “shall” and inserting the following: “and the Securities and Exchange Commission, in consultation with the prudential regulators, shall jointly”; and

(2) in paragraph (3)(D)—

(A) in clause (ii), by striking “shall, to the maximum extent practicable,” and inserting “shall”; and

(B) by adding at the end the following:

“(iii) FINANCIAL MODELS.—To the extent that swap dealers and major swap participants that are banks are permitted to use financial models approved by the prudential regulators or the Securities and Exchange Commission to calculate minimum capital requirements and minimum initial and variation margin requirements, including the use of non-cash collateral, the Commission shall, in consultation with the prudential regulators and the Securities and Exchange Commission, permit the use of comparable financial models by swap dealers and major swap participants that are not banks.”.

(b) SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934.—Section 15F(e) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (15 U.S.C. 78o–10(e)) is amended—

(1) in paragraph (2)(B), by striking “shall” and inserting the following: “and the Commodity Futures Trading Commission, in con-

sultation with the prudential regulators, shall jointly”; and

(2) in paragraph (3)(D)—

(A) in clause (ii), by striking “shall, to the maximum extent practicable,” and inserting “shall”; and

(B) by adding at the end the following:

“(iii) FINANCIAL MODELS.—To the extent that security-based swap dealers and major security-based swap participants that are banks are permitted to use financial models approved by the prudential regulators or the Commodity Futures Trading Commission to calculate minimum capital requirements and minimum initial and variation margin requirements, including the use of non-cash collateral, the Commission shall, in consultation with the Commodity Futures Trading Commission, permit the use of comparable financial models by security-based swap dealers and major security-based swap participants that are not banks.”.

SEC. 357. HARMONIZATION WITH THE JUMPSTART OUR BUSINESS STARTUPS ACT.

Within 90 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Commodity Futures Trading Commission shall—

(1) revise section 4.7(b) of title 17, Code of Federal Regulations, in the matter preceding paragraph (1), to read as follows:

“(b) Relief available to commodity pool operators. Upon filing the notice required by paragraph (d) of this section, and subject to compliance with the conditions specified in paragraph (d) of this section, any registered commodity pool operator who sells participations in a pool solely to qualified eligible persons in an offering which qualifies for exemption from the registration requirements of the Securities Act pursuant to section 4(2) of that Act or pursuant to Regulation S, 17 CFR 230.901 et seq., and any bank registered as a commodity pool operator in connection with a pool that is a collective trust fund whose securities are exempt from registration under the Securities Act pursuant to section 3(a)(2) of that Act and are sold solely to qualified eligible persons, may claim any or all of the following relief with respect to such pool:”; and

(2) revise section 4.13(a)(3)(i) of such title to read as follows:

“(i) Interests in the pool are exempt from registration under the Securities Act of 1933, and such interests are offered and sold pursuant to section 4 of the Securities Act of 1933 and the regulations thereunder;”.

SEC. 358. BONA FIDE HEDGE DEFINED TO PROTECT END-USER RISK MANAGEMENT NEEDS.

Section 4a(c) of the Commodity Exchange Act (7 U.S.C. 6a(c)) is amended—

(1) in paragraph (1)—

(A) by striking “may” and inserting “shall”; and

(B) by striking “future for which” and inserting “future, to be determined by the Commission, for which either an appropriate swap is available or”;.

(2) in paragraph (2)—

(A) in the matter preceding subparagraph (A), by striking “subsection (a)(2)” and all that follows through “position as” and inserting “paragraphs (2) and (5) of subsection (a) for swaps, contracts of sale for future delivery, or options on the contracts or commodities, a bona fide hedging transaction or position is”; and

(B) in subparagraph (A)(ii), by striking “of risks” and inserting “or management of current or anticipated risks”; and

(3) by adding at the end the following:

“(3) The Commission may further define, by rule or regulation, what constitutes a bona fide hedging transaction, provided that the rule or regulation is consistent with the requirements of subparagraphs (A) and (B) of paragraph (2).”.

SEC. 359. CROSS-BORDER REGULATION OF DERIVATIVES TRANSACTIONS.

(a) JOINT RULEMAKING REQUIRED.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 270 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Securities and Exchange Commission and the Commodity Futures Trading Commission shall jointly issue rules setting forth the application of United States swaps requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and the Commodity Exchange Act relating to cross-border swaps and security-based swaps transactions involving U.S. persons or non-U.S. persons.

(2) CONSTRUCTION.—The rules required under paragraph (1) shall be identical, notwithstanding any difference in the authorities granted the Commissions in section 30(c) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (15 U.S.C. 78dd(c)) and section 2(i) of the Commodity Exchange Act (7 U.S.C. 2(i)), respectively, except to the extent necessary to accommodate differences in other underlying statutory requirements under such Acts, and the rules thereunder.

(b) CONSIDERATIONS.—The Commissions shall jointly issue rules that address—

(1) the nature of the connections to the United States that require a non-U.S. person to register as a swap dealer, major swap participant, security-based swap dealer, or major security-based swap participant under each Commission’s respective Acts and the regulations issued under such Acts;

(2) which of the United States swaps requirements shall apply to the swap and security-based swap activities of non-U.S. persons, U.S. persons, and their branches, agencies, subsidiaries, and affiliates outside of the United States and the extent to which such requirements shall apply; and

(3) the circumstances under which a non-U.S. person in compliance with the regulatory requirements of a foreign jurisdiction shall be exempt from United States swaps requirements.

(c) RULE IN ACCORDANCE WITH APA REQUIRED.—No guidance, memorandum of understanding, or any such other agreement may satisfy the requirement to issue a joint rule from the Commissions in accordance with section 553 of title 5, United States Code.

(d) GENERAL APPLICATION TO COUNTRIES OR ADMINISTRATIVE REGIONS HAVING NINE LARGEST MARKETS.—

(1) GENERAL APPLICATION.—In issuing rules under this section, the Commissions shall provide that a non-U.S. person in compliance with the swaps regulatory requirements of a country or administrative region that has one of the nine largest combined swap and security-based swap markets by notional amount in the calendar year preceding issuance of such rules, or other foreign jurisdiction as jointly determined by the Commissions, shall be exempt from United States swaps requirements in accordance with the schedule set forth in paragraph (2), unless the Commissions jointly determine that the regulatory requirements of such country or administrative region or other foreign jurisdiction are not broadly equivalent to United States swaps requirements.

(2) EFFECTIVE DATE SCHEDULE.—The exemption described in paragraph (1) and set forth under the rules required by this section shall apply to persons or transactions relating to or involving—

(A) countries or administrative regions described in such paragraph, or any other foreign jurisdiction as jointly determined by the Commissions, accounting for the five largest combined swap and security-based swap markets by notional amount in the calendar year preceding issuance of such rules, on the date on which final rules are issued under this section; and

(B) the remaining countries or administrative regions described in such paragraph, and any other foreign jurisdiction as jointly determined by the Commissions, 1 year after the date on which such rules are issued.

(3) CRITERIA.—In such rules, the Commissions shall jointly establish criteria for determining that one or more categories of regulatory requirements of a country or administrative region

described in paragraph (1) or other foreign jurisdiction is not broadly equivalent to United States swaps requirements and shall jointly determine the appropriate application of certain United States swap requirements to persons or transactions relating to or involving such country or administrative region or other foreign jurisdiction. Such criteria shall include the scope and objectives of the regulatory requirements of a country or administrative region described in paragraph (1) or other foreign jurisdiction as well as the effectiveness of the supervisory compliance program administered, and the enforcement authority exercised, by such country or administrative region or other foreign jurisdiction, and such other factors as the Commissions, by rule, jointly determine to be necessary or appropriate in the public interest.

(4) **REQUIRED ASSESSMENT.**—Beginning on the date on which final rules are issued under this section, the Commissions shall begin to jointly assess the regulatory requirements of countries or administrative regions described in paragraph (1), as the Commissions jointly determine appropriate, in accordance with the criteria established pursuant to this subsection, to determine if one or more categories of regulatory requirements of such a country or administrative region or other foreign jurisdiction is not broadly equivalent to United States swaps requirements.

(e) **REPORT TO CONGRESS.**—If the Commissions make the joint determination described in subsection (d)(1) that the regulatory requirements of a country or administrative region described in such subsection or other foreign jurisdiction are not broadly equivalent to United States swaps requirements, the Commissions shall articulate the basis for such a determination in a written report transmitted to the Committee on Financial Services and the Committee on Agriculture of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs and the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry of the Senate within 30 days of the determination. The determination shall not be effective until the transmission of such report.

(f) **DEFINITIONS.**—As used in this Act and for purposes of the rules issued pursuant to this Act, the following definitions apply:

(1) The term “U.S. person”—

(A) means—

(i) any natural person resident in the United States;

(ii) any partnership, corporation, trust, or other legal person organized or incorporated under the laws of the United States or having its principal place of business in the United States;

(iii) any account (whether discretionary or non-discretionary) of a U.S. person; and

(iv) any other person as the Commissions may further jointly define to more effectively carry out the purposes of this Act; and

(B) does not include the International Monetary Fund, the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development, the Inter-American Development Bank, the Asian Development Bank, the African Development Bank, the United Nations, their agencies and pension plans, and any other similar international organizations and their agencies and pension plans.

(2) The term “United States swaps requirements” means the provisions relating to swaps and security-based swaps contained in the Commodity Exchange Act (7 U.S.C. 1a et seq.) and the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (15 U.S.C. 78a et seq.) that were added by title VII of the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act (15 U.S.C. 8301 et seq.) and any rules or regulations prescribed by the Securities and Exchange Commission and the Commodity Futures Trading Commission pursuant to such provisions.

(g) **CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.**—

(1) **SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934.**—Section 36(c) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (15 U.S.C. 78mm(c)) is amended by inserting “or

except as necessary to effectuate the purposes of the Customer Protection and End-User Relief Act,” after “to grant exemptions,”.

(2) **COMMODITY EXCHANGE ACT.**—Section 4(c)(1)(A) of the Commodity Exchange Act (7 U.S.C. 6(c)(1)(A)) is amended by inserting “or except as necessary to effectuate the purposes of the Customer Protection and End-User Relief Act,” after “to grant exemptions,”.

SEC. 360. REPORT ON FOREIGN BOARDS OF TRADE.

Within 1 year after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Commodity Futures Trading Commission shall prepare and submit to the Committee on Agriculture of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry of the Senate a written report reviewing the standards and rules of foreign boards of trade related to the physical delivery of base metals, including warehousing facilities, as compared to the standards and rules for domestic designated contract markets and related warehouses for base metals.

Subtitle F—Effective Date

SEC. 371. EFFECTIVE DATE.

Except as otherwise provided in this title, the amendments made by this title shall take effect as if enacted on July 21, 2010.

The CHAIR. No amendment to that amendment in the nature of a substitute shall be in order except those printed in House Report 113-476. Each such amendment may be offered only in the order printed in the report, by a Member designated in the report, shall be considered read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 OFFERED BY MR. DEFAZIO

The CHAIR. It is now in order to consider amendment No. 1 printed in House Report 113-476.

Mr. DEFAZIO. Mr. Chair, I have an amendment at the desk.

The CHAIR. The Clerk will designate the amendment.

The text of the amendment is as follows:

Page 10, after line 12, insert the following:

(5) Whether such trading increases market volatility, including short term market swings.

The CHAIR. Pursuant to House Resolution 629, the gentleman from Oregon (Mr. DEFAZIO) and a Member opposed each will control 5 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Oregon.

Mr. DEFAZIO. Mr. Chair, the ranking member mentioned earlier that there is a section in the bill of merit which would require four studies: whether the technology and personnel needed to monitor the effect of high-frequency trading are accurate; the role it plays in providing liquidity; whether it creates discrepancies between market participants—I would recommend people read “Flash Boys” if they want the answer to that question—and whether the CFTC’s existing authority is sufficient with regard to high-frequency trading.

Those all have great merit. We should have the answers, but I have one additional request, which would be to examine whether high-frequency

trading increases market volatility. CFTC already did one study. They found that there were 27,000 contracts traded during a 14-second period during the flash crash, but they came to no conclusion regarding how or what role they may have played in the flash crash. I think that we should further investigate this.

With that, I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. LUCAS. Mr. Chairman, I claim the time in opposition to the gentleman’s amendment.

The CHAIR. The gentleman from Oklahoma is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. LUCAS. Mr. Chairman, I yield myself such time as I might consume.

Although it is my understanding that the substance of the gentleman from Oregon’s amendment would be broadly addressed within the existing language of section 107, I certainly see no problem with ensuring that his concerns are addressed more specifically. Therefore, I will suggest to my colleague from Oregon, let’s accept your amendment.

With that, Mr. Chairman, I yield back the balance of my time.

The CHAIR. The question is on the amendment offered by the gentleman from Oregon (Mr. DEFAZIO).

The amendment was agreed to.

AMENDMENT NO. 2 OFFERED BY MS. JACKSON LEE

The CHAIR. It is now in order to consider amendment No. 2 printed in House Report 113-476.

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Chair, I have an amendment at the desk.

The CHAIR. The Clerk will designate the amendment.

The text of the amendment is as follows:

Page 10, after line 12, insert the following:

SEC. _____. REPORT ON ENTITIES REGULATED BY THE CFTC.

Not later than 2 years after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Commodity Futures Trading Commission shall submit to the Committees on Agriculture, Financial Services, and the Judiciary of the House of Representatives and the Committees on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry, Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs, and the Judiciary of the Senate a report examining the number of entities regulated by the Commodity Futures Trading Commission, and with respect to those entities, their size, practice models, and assets under management, and those rendered defunct via bankruptcy or obsolescence.

The CHAIR. Pursuant to House Resolution 629, the gentlewoman from Texas (Ms. JACKSON LEE) and a Member opposed each will control 5 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Texas.

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Chair, I thank the chairman very much. I thank the chairman and the ranking member of the committee and knowing how hard they have worked. I hope that this discussion today will emphasize a commitment to transparency and a commitment to consumers and a commitment to making the legislation responsive to consumers. So I thank you for the opportunity.

This legislation is to reauthorize and improve the operations of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission as well as address concerns from customers from another failure such as the MF Global and Peregrine Financial. It is a product of a multiyear process that included hearings and perspectives from market participants, end users, futures customers, and the CFTC.

The Jackson Lee amendment only seeks to improve this bill. If passed, it would require a study that will provide very basic information about firms regulated by the Commodity Futures Trading Commission. The amendment simply requires the CFTC to do a report examining the number of entities regulated by them, the entity's size, practice models, and assets under management.

We must be quick to acknowledge that the dramatic failures of not just MF Global but several other venerated firms, such as Bear Stearns, speak loudly to requiring more information for the consumer.

This amendment would also provide more insight as to how the industry works. My amendment gives 2 years for the agency to complete the first study. That is a very long time. Again, the report provides more information for the very consumers that we are trying to protect. That is more than enough time for the staff of the CFTC to comply with the amendment.

In that span of 2 years, a lot of things can change, but the gist of the amendment is to provide more transparency for the investors, as many on this floor have already spoken of. It is critical that investors know what is going on, particularly small investors who are not privy to the information that many of the larger entities are made aware.

My amendment, again, basic information via an agency study, much of which the Commission already has, and I am merely seeking to have it.

Let me just share just one aspect of this and then conclude. More importantly, in my conclusion, many of the residents of the 18th Congressional District have invested in homes, stocks, and education, to see it all flittered away because someone on Wall Street—France or Houston, even—pushed the wrong button generating a contra-trade when they meant to bid in the other direction. This is not what Americans want to see. This is a regulated entity. Transparency is viable.

Let me show you a letter that was sent from the trustee of MF Global to some poor person who, after 5 years, got their few dollars after this major bankruptcy.

Enclosed with this mailing is a check from the trustee in payment of your allowed customer claim.

They got it 5 years later.

With this check the full net equity value, as established in the Bankruptcy Court, of your segregated property, the amount related to your trading on domestic exchanges

or "4(d) Property," will have been distributed to you. Your former account number at MF Global appears on the check.

Please cash this check as soon as possible.

That is another frightening thing. You better hurry up and get the \$25 or \$40 that came.

To ensure proper and prompt processing.

I will include the letter for the RECORD here.

EPIQ BANKRUPTCY SOLUTIONS, LLC
FDR Station, New York, NY, April 28, 2014.
Re In re MF Global Inc., Case No. (MG) SIPA.

DEAR CLAIMANT: Enclosed with this mailing is a check from James W. Giddens, Trustee for the SIPA liquidation of MF Global Inc., in payment of your allowed customer claim in the SIPA proceeding. With this check the full net equity value, as established in the Bankruptcy Court, of your segregated property (i.e., the amount related to your trading on domestic exchanges or "4d Property"), will have been distributed to you. Your former account number at MF Global Inc. appears on the check.

Please cash this check as promptly as possible. To ensure proper and prompt processing, please be sure to properly endorse the check by signing your name and/or account number in the appropriate location on the reverse side of the check. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact one of my representatives at 1-888-236-0808 (inside the United States) or 1-503-597-5173 (outside the United States).

Very truly yours,

JAMES W. GIDDENS,
Trustee for the SIPA
Liquidation of MF Global Inc.

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Chairman, and to my colleagues I believe that this is an important asset or aspect of helping to have more information for our consumers.

I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. Chair, I thank you for this opportunity to briefly explain my amendment. It is simple and makes a significant improvement to the bill.

This bipartisan legislation to reauthorize and improve the operations of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission (CFTC), as well as address concerns relating to protecting customers from another failure such as MF Global and Peregrine Financial.

It is the product of a multi-year process that included hearing perspectives from market participants, end-users, futures customers, and the CFTC.

The Jackson Lee amendment only seeks to improve this bill. If passed it would require a study that will provide very basic information about firms regulated by the Commodity Futures Trading Commission.

The amendment simply requires the CFTC to do a report examining the number of entities regulated by them, the entity's size, practice models, and assets under management.

We must be quick to acknowledge the dramatic failures of not just MF Global and Peregrine but several other venerated firms such as Bear Stearns.

This amendment would also provide more insight as to how industry works.

The language of the Jackson Lee amendment gives two years for the agency to complete the first one.

That is more than enough time for the staff at the CFTC to comply with this amendment.

In that span of two years a lot of things could change but the gist of the amendment is to provide more transparency for investors.

It also asks that those firms rendered defunct like MF Global be included in the report.

It is critical that investors know what is going on—particularly smaller investors who are not privy to the information that many of the larger entities are made aware.

The MF Global bankruptcy hurt investors and potential investors. It is critical that firms increase their transparency and disclose information which consumers may use to make informed investment decisions.

The Jackson Lee amendment asks very basic information of these firms via an agency study—much of which the Commission may already keep account of—and I am merely seeking to have it in a report.

Again, the amendment simply requires the CFTC to do a report examining the number of entities regulated by them, the entity's size, practice models, and assets under management. It also asks that those firms rendered defunct like MF Global be included in the report.

And more importantly, many of the residents of the 18th District of Texas have invested in homes, stocks, and education—and to see it all flittered away because someone on Wall Street, France, or Houston even, pushed the wrong button, generating a contra-trade when they meant to bet in the other direction—is not what Americans want to see.

I urge my colleagues to vote for transparency, fairness and openness by supporting the Jackson Lee Amendment.

Mr. LUCAS. Mr. Chair, I claim the time in opposition to the amendment.

The CHAIR. The gentleman from Oklahoma is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. LUCAS. Mr. Chair, in a time of economic uncertainty, tight fiscal budgets, I advise against the use of valuable Commission time and resources on a study with some ambiguous terms and no clear practical use.

H.R. 4413 already includes carefully crafted requirements for studies on the pertinent issues of agency funding and on the effects of high-frequency trading. So I respectfully urge my colleagues to join me in opposing this amendment.

With that, I reserve the balance of my time.

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Chairman, I thank the gentleman, and I certainly thank the chairman for his comments.

Right now the Veterans' Affairs Committee is meeting to find out more information on the dastardly knowledge of so many veterans who may have died on a secret list. I would imagine that they would have wanted, some years back, to have investigated, studied, and gotten more information about how veterans are treated in the veterans hospital.

I respectfully disagree with my friend and colleague. I do not think that this is a waste of the energy of this agency and I don't think we have enough information. Anytime I can stand on this floor and err on the side of the customer, the consumer, and stand up here and show a letter that is the ultimate result of a bankruptcy because the consumers didn't have all the information that they needed—and all we

are asking is over a 2-year period give us the number of entities, the size, practice models, and the assets under the management—I don't believe that that is too much.

Investigating precise issues is not giving the consumer a portfolio of knowledge. I disagree with my good friend, and I ask my colleagues to support the Jackson Lee amendment.

The CHAIR. The time of the gentleman has expired.

Mr. LUCAS. Mr. Chairman, I yield back the balance of my time.

The CHAIR. The question is on the amendment offered by the gentleman from Texas (Ms. JACKSON LEE).

The question was taken; and the Chair announced that the yeas appeared to have it.

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Chair, I demand a recorded vote.

The CHAIR. Pursuant to clause 6 of rule XVIII, further proceedings on the amendment offered by the gentleman from Texas will be postponed.

AMENDMENT NO. 3 OFFERED BY MS. DELBENE

The CHAIR. It is now in order to consider amendment No. 3 printed in House Report 113-476.

Ms. DELBENE. Mr. Chair, I have an amendment at the desk.

The CHAIR. The Clerk will designate the amendment.

The text of the amendment is as follows:

Page 11, strike lines 5 through 7 and insert the following:

Section 15(a) of the Commodity Exchange Act (7 U.S.C. 19(a)) is amended—

(1) by striking paragraphs (1) and (2) and inserting the following:

Page 12, line 22, strike the last period and insert “; and”.

Page 12, after line 22, insert the following: (2) by adding at the end the following:

“(4) JUDICIAL REVIEW.—Notwithstanding section 24(d), a court shall affirm a Commission assessment of costs and benefits under this subsection, unless the court finds the assessment to be an abuse of discretion.”.

The CHAIR. Pursuant to House Resolution 629, the gentleman from Washington (Ms. DELBENE) and a Member opposed each will control 5 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Washington.

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Ms. DELBENE. Mr. Chair, I would like to thank Chairman LUCAS and Ranking Member PETERSON, as well as Subcommittee Chairman CONAWAY and Ranking Member SCOTT, for their work on this very important bill.

I would also like to thank Congressmen GIBSON and VARGAS for cosponsoring this amendment. This amendment is the only bipartisan amendment we are considering today. It is straightforward and will provide needed clarity.

This amendment simply states that a court shall affirm the CFTC's assessment of the costs and benefits of a rule. This would have the practical impact of limiting the ability of individuals and firms to challenge the CFTC in

court, in an attempt to stop a rule from being implemented based on the cost-benefit analysis.

The amendment also provides for an exception in the case of an abuse of discretion by the Commission. If no such abuse occurs, a court must uphold the CFTC's assessment.

At a time when the CFTC is still implementing a litany of rules, including a number of crucial rules required by the passage of Dodd-Frank, we should not be inhibiting the CFTC's progress and adding to their workload, especially when the agency is already struggling with insufficient resources for the task at hand.

To be clear, the CFTC is already required to consider the costs and benefits of its actions and regulations. It just does not provide a formal analysis of the costs and benefits.

If we are going to mandate that the CFTC provide a formal cost-benefit analysis when developing regulations, which can be time consuming, we should trust their analysis and not let the rules get tied up in costly and time-consuming litigation.

Why go through such a rigorous process, like a cost-benefit analysis, and expend all of the time and energy that goes with it, if the end result can be easily derailed by a lawsuit filed at the eleventh hour.

I firmly believe that this amendment improves this bill to reauthorize a critical Federal regulator, and I urge my colleagues to support this bipartisan amendment.

I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. LUCAS. Mr. Chairman, I rise in opposition to the amendment.

The CHAIR. The gentleman from Oklahoma is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. LUCAS. Mr. Chairman, this amendment sponsored by the gentleman from Washington and her cosponsors, the gentlemen from New York and California—all valued Members of the House Agriculture Committee—builds on the enhancements of the cost-benefit analysis required in this bill by preserving the court's ability to review the Commission rules or orders.

I congratulate the sponsors of this amendment. Once again, the House Agriculture Committee proves that working in a bipartisan manner is possible and productive. This is the type of cooperation I think our friends back home would want to see and demand.

With that, I urge its adoption, and I yield back the balance of my time.

Ms. DELBENE. Mr. Chair, I yield as much time as he may consume to the gentleman from Georgia (Mr. DAVID SCOTT), the subcommittee ranking member.

Mr. DAVID SCOTT of Georgia. Mr. Chair, I thank Ms. DELBENE.

Ms. DELBENE, Mr. GIBSON, and Mr. VARGAS are all hardworking members, Democrats and Republicans, on the Agriculture Committee. I think this shows you how wonderful the legislative process can be. I certainly want to recognize our

ranking member who brought this concern in her opening remarks.

This helps to tighten and, I think, make a better bill. What it will do is that it will address the concerns that Ms. WATERS raised, and that would be that improved cost-benefits provision would lead to unnecessary litigation.

What Ms. DELBENE, Mr. VARGAS, and Mr. GIBSON have done with their language is it definitely narrows the potential avenues for litigation on the CFTC's cost-benefit analysis, but still allows the consideration of the points of analysis to take place.

I want to commend Ms. DELBENE, Mr. GIBSON, and Mr. VARGAS for a very good amendment.

Ms. DELBENE. I yield back the balance of my time.

The CHAIR. The question is on the amendment offered by the gentleman from Washington (Ms. DELBENE).

The amendment was agreed to.

AMENDMENT NO. 4 OFFERED BY MS. WATERS

The CHAIR. It is now in order to consider amendment No. 4 printed in House Report 113-476.

Ms. WATERS. Mr. Chair, I have an amendment at the desk.

The CHAIR. The Clerk will designate the amendment.

The text of the amendment is as follows:

Page 11, strike lines 5 through 7 and insert the following:

Section 15(a) of the Commodity Exchange Act (7 U.S.C. 19(a)) is amended—

(1) by striking paragraphs (1) and (2) and inserting the following:

Page 12, line 22, strike the last period and insert “; and”.

Page 12, after line 22, insert the following: (2) by adding at the end the following:

“(4) JUDICIAL REVIEW.—This subsection is intended only to improve the internal management of the Commission and any estimate, analysis, statement, description or report prepared under this subsection, and any compliance or noncompliance with the provisions of this subsection, and any determination concerning the applicability of the provisions of this subsection shall not be subject to judicial review. No provision of this subsection shall be construed to create any right or benefit, substantive or procedural, enforceable at law by a party against the United States, its agencies, its officers, or any person.”.

The CHAIR. Pursuant to House Resolution 629, the gentleman from California (Ms. WATERS) and a Member opposed each will control 5 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from California.

Ms. WATERS. Mr. Chairman, I urge support for this amendment to ensure that the Commodities Futures Trading Commission can adequately regulate our financial markets and address some of the very practices that so seriously harmed our economy just a few years ago.

This amendment modestly improves the onerous cost-benefit considerations included in this bill, a provision that would open the Commission up to expensive legal challenges.

It does so by adding in language from the President's executive order on cost-

benefit analysis that prohibits judicial review. The bill's sponsors cite this order as the model of good analysis and incorporate many provisions of that order in this legislation.

However, the measure before us today inconsistently omits the order's prohibition on judicial review, thereby subjecting the CFTC's most cost-benefit considerations to increase litigation risk—risk that no other agency complying with the executive order has faced.

My amendment would correct this oversight and prevent special interest groups from using the cost-benefit provision as a club to delay, weaken, or kill financial reform.

My colleagues—Representative DELBENE, Representative GIBSON, and Representative VARGAS—share my concerns and have proposed an amendment that would establish a heightened standard of judicial review.

While I support this amendment, it does not go far enough, in my view, to fix the problem. I believe that judicial review with regard to the heightened cost-benefit provisions in the underlying bill should be prohibited entirely.

Make no mistake, even if the amendment offered previously by my colleagues on judicial review—or, for that matter, my amendment—is adopted, the bill would still impose heavy administrative hurdles on the CFTC.

The Commission is already required to consider the costs and benefits when promulgating rules and issuing orders pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act, the Congressional Review Act, and the Regulatory Flexibility Act, as other agencies do.

Unlike any other financial regulator, the CFTC is also already bound by the Commodity Exchange Act to consider the impact of their rules on the full range of market stakeholders.

The courts have weighed in as well, finding that the CFTC has fulfilled its duty to consider the costs and benefits, as in the rule related to commodity pool operators.

The CFTC will still have to expand resources to comply with this provision that Republicans are unwilling to provide. Instead, the CFTC will have to take funds from examinations and enforcement to pay for redundant economic analysis.

Mr. Chairman, this is a commonsense amendment that will simply prevent our Nation's top directives cop from spending excessive time and resources fighting off superfluous legal challenges and would make the underlying bill consistent with the President's executive order.

I urge my colleagues to support this amendment, and I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. CONAWAY. Mr. Chairman, I rise in opposition to the amendment.

The CHAIR. The gentleman from Texas is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. CONAWAY. Mr. Chairman, I think it is very dangerous to require the regulated community to follow

rules or regulations that have not been properly considered.

A cost-benefit analysis is an essential requirement for any rule or order. Only after a regulator considers the costs of imposing a rule and then compares that cost to the anticipated benefits can a rule be properly analyzed.

Far too often, regulators at the CFTC ignore cost or important cost factors, so that their regulatory agenda can be implemented unimpeded.

The ability of the regulated committee to ask a court to review the cost-benefit analysis of a rule or order is an essential deterrent to such a practice.

The threat of litigation forces regulators to make sure they properly consider costs and attest that the regulation achieves the goal set out in the law passed by Congress in the most cost-efficient manner.

Striking the ability of a court to review the cost-benefit analysis of a CFTC regulation would vitiate the carefully negotiated bipartisan compromise just offered by Ms. DELBENE.

It seems odd on the logic that you would support the DelBene amendment, which improves judicial review and narrows its scope, and then categorically oppose judicial review.

I think her amendment, allowing courts to determine if a cost-benefit analysis of a CFTC-promulgated rule or regulation is an abuse of the Commission's discretion, is a measured approach that will lead to a sound and effective policy.

We have also got an indication from the IG, the inspector general, that throughout the entire Dodd-Frank regulatory process, which the CFTC put in place some 60 rules, that generally speaking—according to the IG, generally speaking, it appears that CFTC employees did not consider quantifying costs when conducting cost-benefit analysis for the definitions as indicated. It took a very cavalier approach to the process.

We think that, based on the testimony we have heard from many of the regulated, the CFTC did a very poor job on the front end of estimating the cost of what all of these rules that they were putting in place with respect to Dodd-Frank would be and, therefore, did not consider them properly, and the benefits were far less than the cost imposed.

With that, I respectfully urge my colleagues to defeat this amendment, and I reserve the balance of my time.

Ms. WATERS. May I inquire as to how much time I have remaining on this amendment?

The CHAIR. The gentlewoman from California has 1½ minutes remaining.

Ms. WATERS. Thank you very much, Mr. Chairman.

I just want to make clear my opposition to anything other than preventing judicial review on cost-benefit analysis.

Again, I am very appreciative to my colleagues who also share my concerns

and, again, have proposed an amendment that would establish a heightened standard of judicial review, and I support that amendment.

I do not want anyone to be confused that I believe that that amendment would solve the problem. I still think that, if that amendment is adopted, the bill would still impose heavy administrative hurdles on the CFTC.

This is not about simply reauthorization at any cost with anything in the bill. This is about having a CFTC that really works, that is not burdened with the kind of cost-benefit analysis that we have seen burdening other of our agencies that have tried to do their job, including the SEC.

I would ask my friends who are listening to differentiate between that amendment of my colleagues, who are addressing this concern in their way, and my amendment that would prevent judicial review altogether.

I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. CONAWAY. Mr. Chair, I, too, agree with the gentlewoman that we all want a very effective CFTC.

Reauthorizing the agency ought to be a part of looking at its operations. Given the work that it did and didn't do during the Dodd-Frank regulatory scheme that put in place 60 new rules, we don't believe that the cost-benefit rules that were in place under section 15(a) were properly used and did not generate the benefits that the impact of a properly vetted cost-benefit analysis would have on each and every rule.

With that, I urge my colleagues to vote against the amendment, and I yield back the balance of my time.

The CHAIR. The question is on the amendment offered by the gentlewoman from California (Ms. WATERS).

The question was taken; and the Chair announced that the noes appeared to have it.

Ms. WATERS. Mr. Chair, I demand a recorded vote.

The CHAIR. Pursuant to clause 6 of rule XVIII, further proceedings on the amendment offered by the gentlewoman from California will be postponed.

AMENDMENT NO. 5 OFFERED BY MS. MOORE

The CHAIR. It is now in order to consider amendment No. 5 printed in House Report 113-476.

Ms. MOORE. Mr. Chair, I have an amendment at the desk.

The CHAIR. The Clerk will designate the amendment.

The text of the amendment is as follows:

Page 11, strike line 1 and all that follows through page 12, line 22, and insert the following:

SEC. ____ . SENSE OF THE CONGRESS.

It is the sense of the Congress that the Commodity Futures Trading Commission is required by law to consider the costs and benefits when promulgating rules and issuing orders, and is held accountable to this requirement by our courts. Current law requires the Commission to conduct economic analyses pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act, the Congressional Review Act, and the Regulatory Flexibility Act, as

other agencies do. Unlike any other financial regulator, the Commission is also bound by the Commodity Exchange Act to consider the protection of market participants and the public; the efficiency, competitiveness, and financial integrity of futures markets; price discovery; sound risk management practices; and other public interest considerations. Notably, the Federal courts hold the Commission accountable and vacate rulemaking that does not meet statutory requirements, as demonstrated by the ruling by a United States district court on the Commission's rule on commodity position limits.

The CHAIR. Pursuant to House Resolution 629, the gentlewoman from Wisconsin (Ms. MOORE) and a Member opposed each will control 5 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Wisconsin.

Ms. MOORE. Mr. Chair, my amendment is really rather straightforward. It preserves the ability of the Commodities Futures Trading Commission to regulate derivatives markets, while maintaining the reasonable cost-benefit provisions that are already in the law.

Just to give you a little history, Mr. Chair, as we know, unregulated derivatives transactions precipitated the 2008 financial crisis, which this country is still struggling to recover.

Section 203 is not something, as I have heard earlier in this debate, that will just make it more facile for manufacturers or for end users or farmers.

It is a Trojan horse designed to deregulate derivatives markets by providing Wall Street favorable terms and means to sue to overturn laws and regulations, not on substance, not even on congressional intent, but by challenging economic studies in court.

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Regulatory gaps in derivatives regulation will put taxpayers back on the hook for Wall Street excesses.

Mr. Chairman, I will enter into the RECORD an analysis that I did. It was posted in The Huffington Post: "GOP 'Cost-Benefit' Bill Benefits Wall Street and Costs Americans."

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GOP 'COST-BENEFIT' BILL BENEFITS WALL STREET AND COSTS AMERICANS

(By Rep. Gwen Moore)

Republicans again have it all wrong on the substance and politics as they bring to the House floor the SEC Regulatory Accountability Act, or the so-called SEC "cost-benefit" bill. Despite the innocuous name of the bill, Americans should not be fooled. The bill seeks to not only undo Dodd-Frank, but all financial market regulation past, present, and future. It is a bad bill for American taxpayers and for free market capitalism.

By requiring an overly stringent and arbitrary accounting of "costs" to industry, the bill makes it impossible to properly regulate markets. It seeks to eviscerate the mission of the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) to protect investors and would functionally subordinate all government oversight and regulation, including by the elected Congress, to industry interests. The bill functions as a one-way ratchet to make deregulation an irresistible gravity, while making regulation of even the worst industry practices a nearly impossible hurdle.

The circumstances of the financial crisis have utterly discredited the Ayn Rand-inspired deregulatory zeal that the proponents of this bill insist on advancing. It is a model that does not work and that led to economic calamity and pain. Instead, the supporters of this bill are hoping that rhetoric can mask reality.

Securities law already directs the SEC "to consider" the cost-benefit of rulemakings. President Obama also directs the SEC to conduct cost-benefit analysis of rulemakings. I support the cost-benefit analysis mandates already contained in federal securities law and President Obama's executive order. So what does the SEC Regulatory Accountability Act add? As former SEC Chairman Arthur Levitt explains in the New York Times, the bill subjects the SEC to an impossibly subjective review of all regulations. This bill was transparently designed to allow each regulation to be challenged in court by industry, but not by consumer advocates.

The primary mission of the SEC is investor protection. The bill undermines that mission by permitting industry to sue the government in order to overturn regulations. Even when Congress passes laws to protect investors, like Dodd-Frank, the SEC would be constrained in issuing rules under this bill by the mandate to prioritize even tertiary costs to industry over investor protection, or any other priority Congress sets, such as constraints on systemic risks. In other words, it creates a government for industry over the People.

The bill is clearly bad for consumer protection and taxpayers as it ushers in a new world where Wall Street functionally decides the rules, and it is caveat emptor for financial services end-users. However, it is not even good for industry in the broader sense. It would mean that rulemakings would take even longer, as the SEC struggled to meet the impossibly subjective economic cost-benefit standard to stave off the coming court battle over competing economic impact projections. The ink would not be dry on a SEC rule before the race to the courthouse door to challenge the regulations would begin. Presumably, the most powerful industry participants would challenge the rules in the way that achieves their narrow interest, which may be to the detriment of investors or other less-affluent market participants. In this way, the most powerful industry interests would be able to not only use the courts to undo consumer protections, but to also seek competitive advantage over competitors.

In Congress, I hear a lot from the financial industry about "uncertainty." There would never be certainty in securities markets if this bill were to ever become law. However, my primary concern is not for industry. It is for the People. The bill would eventually degrade consumer protection in financial markets until no investor could have faith in U.S. financial markets. The bill would allow firms and markets to operate unchecked. The industry with the best lawyers would reign, regardless of business model, practices, or any other market consideration. Congress would be powerless to help. This legislation rejects the lessons of the financial crisis and statutorily mandates the mistakes that led to it, with the taxpayers on the hook.

Page 19, beginning on line 15, strike "United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit or the United States Court of Appeals for the circuit" and insert "United States District Court for the District of Columbia or the United States District Court for the district".

Ms. MOORE. I can tell you that among the requirements of this new

section 203 is a mandate for regulators to consider "available alternatives to direct regulation."

Alternatives to regulation? What are we talking about here?

As a Member of Congress—and all of us who are accountable to voters—we should not be comfortable passing laws only to have regulators not implement them because Wall Street hedge funds or swap dealers object to a cost study issued with the regulation.

The Wolf of Wall Street should not get a veto over regulations because he can produce a self-serving study that a regulation may burden him in some way.

Mr. Chairman, how much time do I have remaining?

The CHAIR. The gentlewoman from Wisconsin has 2½ minutes remaining.

Ms. MOORE. Mr. Chairman, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. CONAWAY. Mr. Chairman, I rise in opposition to the amendment.

The CHAIR. The gentleman from Texas is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. CONAWAY. Mr. Chairman, we have already talked at length about the benefits of cost-benefit analysis, and section 203 would bring the discipline necessary to the agency for them to consider the costs and benefits when prescribing a new rule or regulation.

The gentlelady's remarks would be much more in line if she were strictly asking to strike the section, but she is asking for a sense of Congress. Why would we need a sense of Congress based on her arguments that CFTC doesn't need this issue at all? I would understand her arguments a lot better if she would have simply asked for a strike.

I am going to oppose the gentlewoman's amendment because her amendment is a stalking horse, because it would simply replace the bipartisan, well-crafted consideration for the new cost-benefit analysis for the CFTC with a sense of Congress. That, in my view, would gut and negate the value of having the agency actually go through, as they propose a rule, to determine what will be the cost and what will be the benefits.

We are always going to have regulations. God started us off with 10. We are going to have regulations, but they ought to make sense, they ought to regulate the minimum amount needed to regulate, and when the usefulness goes away, they should expire as well.

So as an agency conducts that process, taking into consideration the cost and benefits is an appropriate step as they put together regulations. It doesn't mean that the cost-benefit analysis will control in every instance, but it does allow for a better sense that those who are being regulated here have their voices heard during the process. And then if the agency has done a proper cost-benefit analysis, those who are regulated will stand a better chance of voluntarily complying with those new rules, we will have less

acrimony during the process, and perhaps even less litigation if the agency would use a proper cost-benefit analysis and reflect the impact of that analysis in the rules.

With that, I will oppose the amendment, and I reserve the balance of my time.

Ms. MOORE. Mr. Chairman, those bipartisan groups who do not learn from history are doomed to repeat it. We, on a bipartisan basis, didn't regulate these derivatives, and we will, unfortunately, learn our lesson.

I yield such time as she may consume to the gentlewoman from California (Ms. WATERS), ranking member of the Financial Services Committee.

Ms. WATERS. Thank you very much for yielding additional time to me to talk about cost-benefit analysis.

I think the gentlelady has made a real case for what we are dealing with here.

First of all, we know—and I guess we all agree—that prior to the meltdown that we had that caused the recession in this country, we did not have the kind of oversight that we needed on derivatives.

We worked very hard to bring about transparency. We worked very hard to get a handle on the role that derivatives played in this meltdown we had that caused us almost to go into a depression. And here we are trying to implement the reforms, trying very hard to protect the American public and those ends users that have been talked about so much today.

Cost-benefit analysis is just another way that has been injected into this whole attempt to regulate that would place unreasonable burdens on the CFTC and basically prohibit them from doing their job.

In offering this amendment, the gentlelady has made it very clear, and she has added additional support to what we have been talking about today relative to cost-benefit analysis. And so I hope that not only the information we have presented, but the information that she has presented is enough to have people understand what we need to do in order to protect the CFTC's ability to do its job and to carry out its mission.

Ms. MOORE. Section 203 takes us back to the day before AIG melted down. We are moving backwards in time and not forward with strengthening our economy.

With that, I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. CONAWAY. Mr. Chairman, throughout the debate on this bill—in committee, in subcommittee—we have made the point over and over that this is simply a prospective change to the rules for the Commission. It has absolutely nothing to do with the rules that are already in place. The 60-some odd rules that are in place to protect under Dodd-Frank are unaffected by this change to the CFTC's rules and cost-benefit analysis.

In the future, if Congress decides on a massive law change, as they did with

Dodd-Frank—one side of the House decided that—and the CFTC has to go through this, at that point in time these rules come into effect. But title VII to Dodd-Frank and all the changes that were made at the CFTC are in place.

So this is not going backwards. It is not looking backwards. This is simply a prospective change to the way the CFTC should operate going forward. They should have been operating under this rule anyway, but they weren't. The rules were antiquated. There were not enough teeth in them. So Chairman Gensler and others took advantage of it.

This will close that loophole and future chairmen will have to abide by a rational cost-benefit analysis program that will improve the regulations.

With that, Mr. Chairman, I urge my colleagues to oppose the amendment, and I yield back the balance of my time.

The CHAIR. The question is on the amendment offered by the gentlewoman from Wisconsin (Ms. MOORE).

The question was taken; and the Chair announced that the noes appeared to have it.

Ms. MOORE. Mr. Chairman, I demand a recorded vote.

The CHAIR. Pursuant to clause 6 of rule XVIII, further proceedings on the amendment offered by the gentlewoman from Wisconsin will be postponed.

AMENDMENT NO. 6 OFFERED BY MS. JACKSON LEE

The CHAIR. It is now in order to consider amendment No. 6 printed in House Report 113-476.

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Chairman, I have an amendment at the desk.

The CHAIR. The Clerk will designate the amendment.

The text of the amendment is as follows:

Page 19, beginning on line 15, strike "United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit or the United States Court of Appeals for the circuit" and insert "United States District Court for the District of Columbia or the United States District Court for the district".

The CHAIR. Pursuant to House Resolution 629, the gentlewoman from Texas (Ms. JACKSON LEE) and a Member opposed each will control 5 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Texas.

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Chairman, again, I thank the chairman and ranking member of the Financial Services Committee.

My amendment is simple. It would preserve existing law where a legal challenge to a CFTC regulation is reviewed first by the district court. And then, following an opinion by a district court judge, an appeal, if any, is taken to the court of appeals.

Let me, first of all, refer my colleagues to the joint report by the Agriculture Committee where specifically it says that the general review provisions of the APA would apply, requir-

ing parties seeking to challenge CFTC rules to file a claim before a U.S. district court.

And it goes on to give those particular details. Then it goes on to indicate that to follow the review provisions of the APA—this going into a district court—the CFTC's general counsel indicated that he would not object to a change.

I would make the argument that it is not the general counsel but it is the individual consumer who should have the opportunity in a district court—either in their district or in the District of Columbia—to be able to make a record and to ensure that all of the facts of the issue dealing with the rule are fully vetted. And that will happen if you have the opportunity to go first to the district court.

Preserving existing law where a legal challenge to a CFTC regulation is reviewed first by the district court and then followed by an opinion by a district court judge gives the opportunity for a full briefing—a robust record that can be developed along the legal issue and fact issues, and also it reduces the ability of the industry to undermine important Dodd-Frank derivatives.

In my earlier statement on the floor, I indicated that many of the little guys are in the commodities. Dealing with that, they need the opportunities to have, in essence, the double-check on rules that may impact their business.

With respect to Dodd-Frank and this authorizing legislation, let us not throw the baby out with the bath water.

We all remember the dark days of September and October of 2008. The financial markets needed to be bailed out. I do not want to see that repeated.

So, again, the amendment is simple. It goes back to existing law. I cannot imagine that the general counsel would oppose existing law. The statement says he didn't mind. But, again, didn't mind closing down further opportunities for consumers to have a record made on something that they may be opposing?

So I would ask my colleagues to support the Jackson Lee amendment, and I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. Chair, I wish to thank the Chair and Ranking Member for their work on this bill. We all know that the Agriculture Committee is one of the hardest working—and also has one of the most diverse missions in Congress. I thank you for this opportunity to briefly explain my amendment. It is simple and makes a significant improvement to the bill.

My amendment modifies Section 212 on judicial review that on page 19, lines 15 through 17 strikes "United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit or the United States Court of Appeals for the circuit," and replaces with "United States District Court for the District of Columbia or the United States Court for the district."

Doing so would preserve existing law, where a legal challenge to a CFTC regulation is reviewed first by the district court, and then following an opinion by a district court judge, an appeal, if any, is taken in the court of appeals.

This process provides for a more robust development of legal issues and a broader record in any appeal, reducing the ease of industry to undermine important Dodd-Frank derivatives rulemakings.

With respect to Dodd-Frank and this authorizing legislation, Mr. Chairman, let us not throw out the baby with the bath water. We all remember the dark days of September and October 2008 when the financial markets needed to be bailed out. I do not want to repeat that.

And more importantly, many of the residents of the 18th District of Texas have invested in homes, stocks, and education—and to see it all flittered away because someone on Wall Street, France, or Houston even, pushed the wrong button, generating a contra-trade when they meant to bet in the other direction—is not what Americans want to see.

I urge my colleagues to vote for fairness and judicial economy, and preserve existing law by supporting the Jackson Lee Amendment.

Mr. LUCAS. Mr. Chairman, I claim the time in opposition to the amendment.

The CHAIR. The gentleman from Oklahoma is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. LUCAS. Mr. Chairman, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

In crafting the Consumer Protection and End User Relief Act, I worked closely with Ranking Member PETERSON to ensure that judicial review of CFTC rules would be on the same footing as a review of security laws from the SEC, the Securities and Exchange Commission.

The current disparity between security laws and the Commodity Exchange Act has resulted in confusion in the past, as aggrieved parties were unsure of where to go to seek review of CFTC rules.

Quite simply, I urge my colleagues to vote against what I fear is a regressive amendment.

With that, I reserve the balance of my time.

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Chairman, how much time do I have remaining?

The CHAIR. The gentlewoman from Texas has 2 minutes remaining.

Ms. JACKSON LEE. I appreciate the chairman's commentary about the SEC. I am well aware that the SEC has driven itself to utilizing the Court of Appeals.

I would make the argument that there is a smaller investor that tends to engage in commodities, and, therefore, transparency and the opportunity to create a record is far more important in commodities.

I would also make the point that my amendment is supported by the Commodity Markets Oversight Coalition, which is asking for us to continue with existing law.

They, of course, include Airlines for America, American Baker's Association, California Black Farmers, California Independent Oil Marketers Association, Colorado Petroleum Marketers Association, Florida Petroleum Market Marketers Association, Maine Energy Marketers Association, the National

Association of Oil and Energy Service Professionals, National Family Farm Coalition, among others, which I will include in the RECORD.

National Grange, New Jersey Citizen Action Oil Group, New Mexico Petroleum Marketers Association, North Dakota Petroleum Marketers Association, Oil Heat Council of New Hampshire, Petroleum Marketers and Convenience Stores of Iowa, Public Citizen, Ranchers-Cattlemen Action Legal Fund, Wyoming Petroleum Marketers Association, to name just a few, who clearly just ask for a simple request: when there is a need to challenge the rules, allow a full record to be made at the district court level. Commodities is not in the same vain as the SEC.

I would argue that there is need for greater highlight in information, and that the Jackson Lee amendment should be accepted for that kind of transparency and treating small investors fairly and giving them the opportunity to fully pursue their position when it comes to a particular rule.

I would ask my colleagues to support the amendment, and I yield back the balance of my time.

COMMODITY MARKETER OVERNIGHT COALITION

Supporting organizations: Airlines for America; American Baker's Association; American Feed Industry Association; American Public Power Association; American Trucking Associations; California Black Farmers & Agriculturalists Association; California Independent Oil Marketers Association; California Service Station and Automotive Repair Association; Colorado Petroleum Marketers Association; Connecticut Energy Marketers Association; Consumer Federation of America; Florida Petroleum Marketers Association; Fuel Merchants Association of New Jersey; Gasoline & Automotive Service Dealers of America; Institute for Agriculture and Trade Policy; Louisiana Oil Marketers & Convenience Store Association; Maine Energy Marketers Association; Montana Petroleum Marketers & Convenience Store Association; NAFA Fleet Management Association; National Association of Oil & Energy Service Professionals.

National Association of Shell Marketers; National Family Farm Coalition; National Farmers Union; National Grange; National Latino Farmers & Ranchers Trade Association; New England Fuel Institute; New Jersey Citizen Action Oil Group; New Mexico Petroleum Marketers Association; New York Oil Heating Association; North Dakota Petroleum Marketers Association; North Dakota Retail Association; Ohio Petroleum Marketers & Convenience Store Association; Oil Heat Council of New Hampshire.

Oil Heat Institute of Long Island; Oil Heat Institute of Rhode Island; Organization for Competitive Markets; Petroleum Marketers & Convenience Store Association Kansas; Petroleum Marketers & Convenience Stores of Iowa; Petroleum Marketers Association of America; Public Citizen; Ranchers-Cattlemen Action Legal Fund (R-CALF) USA; Utah Petroleum Marketers and Retailers Association; Vermont Fuel Dealers Association; West Virginia Oil Marketers and Grocers Association; Wyoming Petroleum Marketers Association.

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Mr. LUCAS. Mr. Chairman, I yield myself whatever time I might consume.

Once again, I respectfully ask my colleagues to vote against what I am concerned is a regressive amendment.

With that, I yield back the balance of my time.

The CHAIR. The question is on the amendment offered by the gentlewoman from Texas (Ms. JACKSON LEE).

The question was taken; and the Chair announced that the noes appeared to have it.

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Chairman, I demand a recorded vote.

The CHAIR. Pursuant to clause 6 of rule XVIII, further proceedings on the amendment offered by the gentlewoman from Texas will be postponed.

AMENDMENT NO. 7 OFFERED BY MR. FINCHER

The CHAIR. It is now in order to consider amendment No. 7 printed in House Report 113-476.

Mr. FINCHER. Mr. Chairman, I have an amendment at the desk.

The CHAIR. The Clerk will designate the amendment.

The text of the amendment is as follows:

Page 24, after line 21, insert the following: **SEC. . GAO STUDY ON COMMISSION LEASES.**

(a) The Comptroller General of the United States shall, in consultation with the Commodity Futures Trading Commission Inspector General, conduct a study and publish a report regarding achieving efficiencies in leasing and rental costs at the Commodity Futures Trading Commission.

(b) The report shall be published within 90 days after the date of the enactment of this Act regarding achieving efficiencies in leasing and rental costs of buildings occupied by the Commodity Futures Trading Commission, and shall include recommendations to the Chairman of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission and the congressional committees of jurisdiction regarding the following:

(1) Average occupancy rates and leasing costs of buildings across the Federal Government compared to those currently in effect with respect to buildings and locations occupied by the Commodity Futures Trading Commission;

(2) Changes to leasing authority that could achieve efficiencies, including the revocation of independent leasing authority and transfer of authority to the Administrator of General Services;

(3) The recommendations and responses contained in the report by the Commodity Futures Trading Commission Inspector General, dated June 4, 2014.

(4) Other related recommendations that would achieve efficiencies in leasing and rental costs of buildings currently occupied by the Commodity Futures Trading Commission.

(5) Is the Commodity Futures Trading Commission violating any laws, including the Anti-Deficiency Act, by entering into these leases, particularly those with more than 5-year terms, and if so, how they can avoid violating Federal law in the future.

(c) The Chairman of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission shall report to the congressional committees of jurisdiction within 60 days after receipt of the report as to whether the Chairman accepts or rejects each of the recommendations of the Comptroller General, and an explanation for each decision.

The CHAIR. Pursuant to House Resolution 629, the gentleman from Tennessee (Mr. FINCHER) and a Member opposed each will control 5 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Tennessee.

Mr. FINCHER. Mr. Chairman, my amendment to H.R. 4413 simply requires the Comptroller General of the United States to conduct a study of the efficiencies in leasing and rental costs at the Commodity Futures Trading Commission.

The study would determine if the CFTC is violating any laws, including the Antideficiency Act, by entering into these leases, particularly those with more than 5-year terms and, if so, how it can avoid violating Federal law in the future.

In a recent report from the inspector general of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission, we found that the CFTC is currently using just one-third of its Kansas City regional office.

The CFTC is paying approximately \$44,000 per month, meaning that, over the 10-year life of the lease, the CFTC will pay \$5.3 million, with \$3.6 million dedicated to vacant office space.

However, in this letter from the inspector general, we found that this is not limited to just the Kansas City office. In fact, over the life of the CFTC's current leases, more than \$200 million will be spent with approximately \$64 million dedicated to vacant office spaces.

This is simply outrageous, and it is the latest example of government waste of taxpayer money. In fact, the CFTC management, in its May 14 response to the inspector general, agreed that there is excess vacant space.

However, the CFTC argued the lease of so many vacant offices was a justifiable expense because future funding increases are within the "realm of possibility."

Mr. Chairman, Congress has appropriated approximately 66 percent of the CFTC's budget request. Let's just look over the last few years. In fiscal year 2012 and in fiscal year 2013, the CFTC requested \$308 million and received \$205 million. In fiscal year 2014, the CFTC requested \$315 million and received \$215 million.

I agree with the inspector general that the realm of possibility is not the standard taxpayers expect when the government deals with their money.

Mr. Chairman, is it really too much to ask agencies that are spending millions on rent to actually need and use this space?

The inspector general hit the nail on the head when he stated that:

The CFTC and the public are better served by the risk of a temporary shortage of space than a 100 percent certainty of spending substantial taxpayer dollars on the leases of vacant spaces.

It is just common sense that, if you can't afford it, you don't buy it. For these reasons, I urge my colleagues to vote for this amendment and ensure that the CFTC stops relying on the realm of possibility as justification for wasting taxpayer dollars on empty office spaces.

With that, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. PETERSON. Mr. Chairman, I claim the time in opposition.

The CHAIR. The gentleman from Minnesota is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. PETERSON. In opposition, I want to say that I have no opposition to this amendment.

Mr. Chairman, I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. FINCHER. Mr. Chairman, I urge the support of the amendment, and I yield back the balance of my time.

The CHAIR. The question is on the amendment offered by the gentleman from Tennessee (Mr. FINCHER).

The amendment was agreed to.

AMENDMENT NO. 8 OFFERED BY MR. GARRETT

The CHAIR. It is now in order to consider amendment No. 8 printed in House Report 113-476.

Mr. GARRETT. Mr. Chairman, I have an amendment at the desk.

The CHAIR. The Clerk will designate the amendment.

The text of the amendment is as follows:

Page 55, after line 2, insert the following:
SEC. ____ . TREATMENT OF CERTAIN FUNDS.

(a) AMENDMENT TO THE DEFINITION OF COMMODITY POOL OPERATOR.—Section 1a(11) of the Commodity Exchange Act (7 U.S.C. 1a(11)) is amended by adding at the end the following:

"(C)(i) The term 'commodity pool operator' does not include a person who serves as an investment adviser to an investment company registered pursuant to section 8 of the Investment Company Act of 1940 or a subsidiary of such a company, if the investment company or subsidiary invests, reinvests, owns, holds, or trades in commodity interests limited to only financial commodity interests.

"(ii) For purposes of this subparagraph only, the term 'financial commodity interest' means a futures contract, an option on a futures contract, or a swap, involving a commodity that is not an exempt commodity or an agricultural commodity, including any index of financial commodity interests, whether cash settled or involving physical delivery.

"(iii) For purposes of this subparagraph only, the term 'commodity' does not include a security issued by a real estate investment trust, business development company, or issuer of asset-backed securities, including any index of such securities."

(b) AMENDMENT TO THE DEFINITION OF COMMODITY TRADING ADVISOR.—Section 1a(12) of such Act (7 U.S.C. 1a(12)) is amended by adding at the end the following:

"(E) The term 'commodity trading advisor' does not include a person who serves as an investment adviser to an investment company registered pursuant to section 8 of the Investment Company Act of 1940 or a subsidiary of such a company, if the commodity trading advice relates only to a financial commodity interest, as defined in paragraph (1)(C)(ii) of this section. For purposes of this subparagraph only, the term 'commodity' does not include a security issued by a real estate investment trust, business development company, or issuer of asset-backed securities, including any index of such securities."

The CHAIR. Pursuant to House Resolution 629, the gentleman from New Jersey (Mr. GARRETT) and a Member opposed each will control 5 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from New Jersey.

Mr. GARRETT. Mr. Chairman, I rise today to offer an amendment to H.R. 4413, the Customer Protection and End User Relief Act.

This amendment seeks to address duplicative and overburdensome regulatory and registration requirements being faced by pensioners, savers, retirees, endowments, municipalities, and many other investors.

Registered investment companies, RICs, play a critical role in the U.S. financial savings and retirement landscape. Millions of retirees, pensioners, and other savers across the country seek access to RICs to invest their hard-earned money and savings to invest for retirement, college tuition, or a first home.

Currently, all RICs are registered with and are primarily regulated by the SEC and have to comply with an extensive set of rules and requirements, including the oversight of their derivatives holdings.

Back in 2012, the Commodity Futures Trading Commission, the CFTC, acting on its own initiative and without any direction from Congress, significantly narrowed a longstanding exclusion from the commodity pool operator, CPO, registration for "otherwise regulated entities," but only for RICs, which are comprehensively regulated by SEC and typically do not resemble traditional commodity pools.

Because all RICs are currently registered with and are regulated by the SEC, the CFTC's rules change needlessly forces fund companies that manage literally thousands of funds, representing literally millions of U.S. pensioners, savers, and retirees to do what? To pay for costly and duplicative registration requirements.

You see, even without registration, the CFTC still has enforcement authority over all commodity contracts. This amendment would not, in any way, change the extent to which all commodity transactions are subject to the transaction level requirements of regulation, such as reporting, such as clearing, such as trading, and even margin. This amendment simply eliminates the duplicative regulatory and registration costs faced by these funds.

Also, by more appropriately tailoring the CFTC's regulatory reach, this amendment has the added benefit of ensuring that the CFTC has actually even more funds and resources available to do what? To implement Dodd-Frank and enforce the new swaps regulatory regime.

This will help the agency prioritize, even better, their current workload and even reduce the need for a significant increase in the agency's budget during these challenging fiscal times.

Mr. Chairman, at a time when millions of American households are approaching retirement and their investment returns are significantly reduced because of the Federal Reserve's low interest rate policies, it is very important that government public policy

minimize the regulatory costs of investment for our retirees, for our pensioners, and for our savers.

We must strike the right balance between ensuring investors have the ability to earn adequate returns on their investments with the appropriate regulatory oversight of our financial markets.

Please help restore this balance and protect investors by voting "yes" for the Garrett amendment to H.R. 4413.

I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. PETERSON. Mr. Chairman, I claim the time in opposition.

The CHAIR. The gentleman from Minnesota is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. PETERSON. Mr. Chairman, as one great American said: now, we are going to hear the rest of the story.

This is a situation where industry lost in court, and now, they are coming to Congress to try to accomplish what they couldn't do through the court system, so I rise in opposition.

From President Reagan's time to President Clinton's, the CFTC has—on its own accord—exempted registered investment companies, RICs, from having to register as commodity pool operators or as commodity trade advisers with the CFTC, provided they meet two conditions: one, that the commodity futures activity occurring in the funds they managed was below a set threshold; and, two, that they did not market to retail customers as a commodity pool or investment vehicle for commodity futures or commodity options.

During the first term of the second Bush administration, the CFTC eliminated both the threshold and the retail marketing restriction. These steps allowed investment companies unlimited access to commodity futures markets without any CFTC oversight and were opposed by the National Futures Association, the frontline regulator for the CFTC.

In 2010, the National Futures Association petitioned the CFTC to reconsider the broad exemption for registration given for RICs. From that request and following the passage of the Dodd-Frank Act, giving the Commission new jurisdiction over swaps, the CFTC reconsidered its exemption for RICs and reinstituted the thresholds for trading activity and retail marketing conditions that would trigger registration with the CFTC.

Not surprisingly, the Investment Company Institute, which represents these funds and the Chamber of Commerce, then sued the CFTC. The Federal district court ruled in favor of the CFTC, and the court ruled for the agency in summary judgment.

The funds appealed, and the U.S. Court of Appeals upheld the ruling in favor of the CFTC. After the CFTC won its case, the Commission set up a harmonization regime versus SEC rules for the registered trading advisers who were involved in this. If the CFTC and SEC rules conflict, the RIC can defer to the SEC rules.

Despite that accommodation by the Commission, its having lost both the

regulation and the litigation, the financial community is here now with this legislation.

The Garrett amendment attempts to accomplish what the financial industry could not achieve in the courts. The amendment would permanently remove the CFTC's jurisdiction over RICs registered with the SEC, regardless of how big they play in the futures or swaps market and regardless of their reach to retail customers.

The amendment's supporters will say that this only applies to investments in futures, options on futures, and swaps in financial commodities, as opposed to agriculture or energy commodities; but I would remind the Members that it was financial swaps, like credit default swaps, that contributed to the financial collapse in 2008. It wasn't energy or agriculture swaps.

The SEC failed in its oversight in 2008. I don't want to have to rely on them to keep an eye on financial instruments, and I don't want to have a repeat of the Bernie Madoff scandal, but, this time, in futures.

The CFTC has gone out of its way to accommodate industry concerns over duplicative oversight through its substituted compliance regime. Given their past bad behavior, I don't think we should rely on one agency to keep an eye on these guys, so I urge you to defeat this amendment.

Mr. GARRETT. Will the gentleman yield?

Mr. PETERSON. I yield to the gentleman from New Jersey.

Mr. GARRETT. Your last sentence was that you do not wish to rely on just one entity—presumably the SEC—in the enforcement of these contracts and so on and so forth.

Mr. PETERSON. It is only in certain circumstances.

Mr. GARRETT. Right, but we do nothing in this amendment to take away from the CFTC their enforcement authority. They retain that.

All that has changed is the registration requirement. The CFTC and the SEC retain both their mutual and harmonious, if you will, enforcement authorities under all of the contracts that are respective to these provisions. That is not taken away.

We just say: Why duplicate the effort as far as registration requirements? I just wanted to clarify that point.

Mr. PETERSON. I think there is more to it than that.

Mr. GARRETT. No.

Mr. PETERSON. They wouldn't go through all of this to try to get the CFTC to do what they wanted, then go through the courts, and then come here with legislation, if this were just some minor registration issue, no.

Mr. GARRETT. Actually, yes, they would.

The CHAIR. The gentleman from Minnesota controls the time, and his time has expired.

The gentleman from New Jersey has 1½ minutes remaining.

Mr. GARRETT. Great. I would like to hear from our chairman.

Before that, Mr. Chairman, I yield 1 minute to the gentleman from Georgia (Mr. DAVID SCOTT).

Mr. DAVID SCOTT of Georgia. This is a very interesting debate in listening to it, but I think the simple point here, Mr. Chairman, is that, number one, this just deals with the registration. Prior to 2012, the SEC handled all of the RICs.

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Now, we have caught up in the middle of this millions and millions of pensioners, retirees, people who are getting into the golden years of their lives.

My hope is that we can pass this amendment. It only deals with registration. The ranking member has brought up some interesting points. That is why we do have the courts to settle those.

I think here, tonight, we need to think of what this simple amendment does is stop duplicative areas within registration and gives a better hand for our retirees today.

Mr. GARRETT. I thank the gentleman from Georgia for his support for this legislation and for the amendment.

I yield now the remainder of my time to the chairman of the committee, and congratulate him for his great work on the underlying legislation before us today.

Mr. LUCAS. Mr. Chairman, I thank the gentleman from New Jersey.

I would simply note: let's cut to the point here. The CFTC, when finalizing the rules for registered investment companies, deferred almost entirely to the SEC to regulate them, so this amendment is in line with what the CFTC has already done.

I urge my colleagues to support the commonsense amendment. Let's just do what is reflected here, and I thank the gentleman for his input.

Mr. GARRETT. Mr. Chairman, I yield back the balance of my time.

The CHAIR. The question is on the amendment offered by the gentleman from New Jersey (Mr. GARRETT).

The question was taken; and the Chair announced that the ayes appeared to have it.

Mr. PETERSON. Mr. Chairman, I demand a recorded vote.

The CHAIR. Pursuant to clause 6 of rule XVIII, further proceedings on the amendment offered by the gentleman from New Jersey will be postponed.

Mr. LUCAS. Mr. Chairman, I move that the Committee do now rise.

The motion was agreed to.

Accordingly, the Committee rose; and the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. CONAWAY) having assumed the chair, Mr. BISHOP of Utah, Chair of the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union, reported that that Committee, having had under consideration the bill (H.R. 4413) to reauthorize the Commodity Futures Trading Commission, to better protect futures customers, to provide end users with market certainty, to make basic reforms to

ensure transparency and accountability at the Commission, to help farmers, ranchers, and end users manage risks to help keep consumer costs low, and for other purposes, had come to no resolution thereon.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. LUCAS. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days in which to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material on H.R. 4413.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Oklahoma?

There was no objection.

PROTECTING FARMERS FROM THE EPA

(Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, last Friday, on June 20, members of the Pennsylvania congressional delegation joined together to protect Pennsylvania farmers by fighting back against another regulatory overreach by the Environmental Protection Agency.

I, along with Senator PAT TOOMEY and U.S. Representatives SCOTT PERRY, LOU BARLETTA, and BILL SHUSTER, filed a brief with the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit in Philadelphia, in a case that centers on the proper scope of the EPA's authority under the Clean Water Act and the Chesapeake Bay watershed.

Over the past decade, regional and State-led conservation efforts have substantially reduced agriculture's ecological footprint within the watershed. Today, farmers continue to improve land management practices and remain the best stewards of our natural resources, which their livelihoods are dependent upon.

Despite these success stories, the EPA is seeking to seize, for the Federal Government, powers traditionally held by the States and impose an unconscionable economic burden on farmers and taxpayers.

Mr. Speaker, the EPA has continued a foolish and impractical pursuit to put forth oppressive mandates that threaten the economic livelihood of our local farms and businesses. It is abuse of power that cannot and will not be tolerated.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Mr. FITZPATRICK (at the request of Mr. CANTOR) for today on account of travel delays.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 9 o'clock and 4 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until tomorrow, Tuesday, June 24, 2014, at 10 a.m. for morning-hour debate.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

Under clause 2 of rule XIV, executive communications were taken from the Speaker's table and referred as follows:

6084. A letter from the Acting Under Secretary, Department of Defense, transmitting authorization of Colonel David S. Nahom and Colonel Stephen C. Williams, United States Air Force, to wear the authorized insignia of the grade of brigadier general; to the Committee on Armed Services.

6085. A letter from the Acting Under Secretary, Department of Defense, transmitting authorization of Major General Anthony J. Rock, United States Air Force, to wear the authorized insignia of the grade of lieutenant general; to the Committee on Armed Services.

6086. A letter from the Senior Procurement Executive, GSA, General Services Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule — Federal Acquisition Regulation; Contractor Comment Period, Past Performance Evaluations [FAC 2005-74; FAR Case 2012-028; Item IV; Docket No. 2012-0028, Sequence 1] (RIN: 9000-AM40) received June 2, 2014, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Armed Services.

6087. A letter from the Senior Procurement Executive, GSA, General Services Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule — Federal Acquisition Regulation; Defense Base Act [FAC 2005-74; FAR Case 2012-016; Item V; Docket No. 2012-0016, Sequence 1] (RIN: 9000-AM50) received June 2, 2014, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Armed Services.

6088. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of the Treasury, transmitting the annual report of the National Advisory Council on International Monetary and Financial Policies; to the Committee on Financial Services.

6089. A letter from the Secretary, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting a report entitled "HHS Secretary's Efforts to Improve Children's Health Care Quality in Medicaid and CHIP"; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

6090. A letter from the Secretary, Department of the Treasury, transmitting as required by section 401(c) of the National Emergencies Act, 50 U.S.C. 1641(c), and section 204(c) of the International Emergency Economic Powers Act, 50 U.S.C. 1703(c), a six-month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to North Korea that was declared in Executive Order 13466 of June 26, 2008; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

6091. A letter from the Secretary, Department of the Treasury, transmitting as required by section 401(c) of the National Emergencies Act, 50 U.S.C. 1641(c), and section 204(c) of the International Emergency Economic Powers Act, 50 U.S.C. 1703(c), and pursuant to Executive Order 13313 of July 31, 2003, a six-month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to the Western Balkans that was declared in Executive Order 13219 of June 26, 2001; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

6092. A letter from the Secretary, Department of the Treasury, transmitting as required by section 401(c) of the National Emergencies Act, 50 U.S.C. 1641(c), and section 204(c) of the International Emergency

Powers Act, 50 U.S.C. 1703(c), a six-month periodic report on the national emergency blocking property of the government of the Russian Federation relating to the disposition of the highly enriched uranium extracted from nuclear weapons that was declared in Executive Order 13617 of June 25, 2012; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

6093. A letter from the Associate General Counsel for General Law, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting a report pursuant to the Federal Vacancies Reform Act of 1998; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

6094. A letter from the Secretary, Department of Labor, transmitting pursuant to Title II, Section 203, of the Notification and Federal Employee Antidiscrimination and Retaliation Act (No FEAR Act), the Department's annual report for FY 2013; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

6095. A letter from the Director, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's annual report for FY 2013 prepared in accordance with Section 203 of the Notification and Federal Employee Antidiscrimination and Retaliation Act of 2002 (No FEAR Act), Public Law 107-174; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

6096. A letter from the Executive Director, Interstate Commission on the Potomac River Basin, transmitting the Commission's audited Seventy-Third Financial Statement for the period of October 1, 2012 to September 30, 2013 pursuant to the Federal Managers' Financial Integrity Act and the Inspector General Act of 1978, as amended; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

6097. A letter from the Acting Director, Office of National Drug Control Policy, transmitting the Office's report entitled, "The Fiscal Year 2013 Accounting of Drug Control Funds and the Fiscal Year 2013 Performance Summary Report"; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

6098. A letter from the Acting Commissioner, Social Security Administration, transmitting the semiannual report on the activities of the Office of Inspector General for the period October 1, 2013 through March 31, 2014; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

6099. A letter from the Director, Office of Surface Mining, Department of the Interior, transmitting the Department's final rule — Utah Regulatory Program [STATS No. UT-049-FOR; Docket ID No.: OSM-2012-0015; S1D1SSS08011000SX066A00067F144S180110; S2D2SSS08011000SX066A00033F14XS501520] received June 3, 2014, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

6100. A letter from the Director, Office of Surface Mining, Department of the Interior, transmitting the Department's final rule — North Dakota Regulatory Program [STATS No. ND-053-FOR; Docket ID No.: OSM-2012-0006;

S1D1SSS08011000SX066A00067F144S180110; S2D2SSS08011000SX066A00033F14XS501520] received June 3, 2014, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

6101. A letter from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, NMFS, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule — Fisheries Off West Coast States; Pacific Coast Groundfish Fishery Management Plan; Commercial Groundfish Fishery Management Measures; Rockfish Conservation Area Boundaries for Vessels Using Bottom Trawl Gear [Docket No.: 130808694-4318-02] (RIN: 06488-BD37) received May 19, 2014, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

6102. A letter from the Paralegal Specialist, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Amendment of Class E Airspace; Grand Forks, ND [Docket No.: FAA-2014-0135; Airspace Docket No.: 14-AGL-4] received June 6, 2014, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

6103. A letter from the Paralegal Specialist, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Airworthiness Directives; SOCATA Airplanes [Docket No.: FAA-2014-0031; Directorate Identifier 2013-CE-054-AD; Amendment 39-17838; AD 2014-09-03] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received June 6, 2014, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

6104. A letter from the Paralegal Specialist, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Airworthiness Directives; The Boeing Company Airplanes [Docket No.: FAA-2013-0864; Directorate Identifier 2013-NM-108-AD; Amendment 39-17841; AD 2014-09-06] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received June 6, 2014, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

6105. A letter from the Paralegal Specialist, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Amendment of Class E Airspace; Eagle Grove, IA [Docket No.: FAA-2013-0589; Airspace Docket No. 13-ACE-9] received June 6, 2014, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

6106. A letter from the Paralegal Specialist, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Amendment of Class E Airspace; Amery, WI [Docket No.: FAA-2013-0591; Airspace Docket No. 13-AGL-21] received June 6, 2014, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

6107. A letter from the Paralegal Specialist, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Amendment of Class E Airspace; Kuparuk, AK [Docket No.: FAA-2013-0996; Airspace Docket No. 12-AAL-9] received June 6, 2014, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

6108. A letter from the Paralegal Specialist, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Amendment of Class E Airspace; Dalhart, TX [Docket No.: FAA-2013-0918; Airspace Docket No. 13-ASW-21] received June 6, 2014, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

6109. A letter from the Paralegal Specialist, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Amendment of Class D Airspace; St. Paul, MN [Docket No.: FAA-2013-0954; Airspace Docket No. 13-AGL-35] received June 6, 2014, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

6110. A letter from the Paralegal Specialist, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Airworthiness Directives; M7 Aerospace LLC Airplanes [Docket No.: FAA-2014-0023; Directorate Identifier 2013-CE-048-AD; Amendment 39-17837; AD 2014-09-02] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received June 6, 2014, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

6111. A letter from the Paralegal Specialist, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Modification of Air Traffic Service (ATS) Routes; North Central United States [Docket No.: FAA-2013-1062; Airspace Docket No. 13-ACE-

3] received June 6, 2014, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

6112. A letter from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the 2013 Annual Progress Report on the National Strategy for Transportation Security; to the Committee on Homeland Security.

6113. A letter from the Acting Under Secretary and Deputy Secretary, Departments of Defense and Veterans Affairs, transmitting Veterans Affairs and Department of Defense Joint Executive Council Fiscal Year 2013 Annual Report, pursuant to 38 U.S.C. 8111(f); jointly to the Committees on Armed Services and Veterans' Affairs.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES ON PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XIII, reports of committees were delivered to the Clerk for printing and reference to the proper calendar, as follows:

Mr. UPTON: Committee on Energy and Commerce. H.R. 4795. A bill to promote new manufacturing in the United States by providing for greater transparency and timeliness in obtaining necessary permits, and for other purposes (Rept. 113-488). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. UPTON: Committee on Energy and Commerce. H.R. 4801. A bill to require the Secretary of Energy to prepare a report on the impact of thermal insulation on both energy and water use for potable hot water (Rept. 113-489). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. UPTON: Committee on Energy and Commerce. H.R. 4631. A bill to reauthorize certain provisions of the Public Health Service Act relating to autism, and for other purposes; with an amendment (Rept. 113-490). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. MCCAUL: Committee on Homeland Security. H.R. 4007. A bill to recodify and reauthorize the Chemical Facility Anti-Terrorism Standards Program; with an amendment (Rept. 113-491 Pt. 1). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. BURGESS: Committee on Rules. House Resolution 636. Resolution providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 6) to provide for expedited approval of exportation of natural gas to World Trade Organization countries, and for other purposes; and providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 3301) to require approval for the construction, connection, operation, or maintenance of oil or natural gas pipelines or electric transmission facilities at the national boundary of the United States for the import or export of oil, natural gas, or electricity to or from Canada or Mexico, and for other purposes (Rept. 113-492). Referred to the House Calendar.

DISCHARGE OF COMMITTEE

Pursuant to clause 2 of rule XIII, the Committee on Energy and Commerce discharged from further consideration. H.R. 4007 referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union, and ordered to be printed.

PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XII, public bills and resolutions of the following titles were introduced and severally referred, as follows:

By Mr. STEWART (for himself, Mr. COTTON, Mr. CRAMER, Mr. GRAVES of

Missouri, Mr. MCCLINTOCK, Mr. POMPEO, Mr. DUNCAN of South Carolina, Mr. BENTIVOLIO, Mr. ROKITA, Mr. LONG, Mr. LAMALFA, Mr. SMITH of Nebraska, Mr. LANFORD, Mr. GOHMERT, Mr. SALMON, Mr. RICE of South Carolina, and Mr. AMODEI):

H.R. 4934. A bill to prohibit certain Federal agencies from using or purchasing certain firearms, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

By Ms. JENKINS (for herself, Mr. KELLY of Pennsylvania, and Mr. NUNES):

H.R. 4935. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to make improvements to the child tax credit; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. JEFFRIES (for himself, Ms. BASS, Mr. DEUTCH, Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD, Mr. GUTIERREZ, Ms. CHU, Ms. DELBENE, and Mr. O'ROURKE):

H.R. 4936. A bill to amend section 292 of the Immigration and Nationality Act to require the Attorney General to appoint counsel for unaccompanied alien children and aliens with serious mental disabilities, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. MCKINLEY (for himself and Mr. ENYART):

H.R. 4937. A bill to require the implementation of report recommendations by an inspector general regarding wasteful and excessive spending, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, and in addition to the Committee on Appropriations, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. GOHMERT (for himself, Mr. FLORES, and Mr. POMPEO):

H.R. 4938. A bill to establish a temporary limitation on the use of funds to transfer or release individuals detained at United States Naval Station, Guantanamo Bay, Cuba; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. MCKEON (for himself, Mr. LAMALFA, Mr. HUFFMAN, Mr. GARAMENDI, Mr. MCCLINTOCK, Mr. THOMPSON of California, Ms. MATSUI, Mr. BERA of California, Mr. COOK, Mr. MCNERNEY, Mr. DENHAM, Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California, Ms. PELOSI, Ms. LEE of California, Ms. SPEIER, Mr. SWALWELL of California, Mr. COSTA, Mr. HONDA, Ms. ESHOO, Ms. LOFGREN, Mr. FARR, Mr. VALADAO, Mr. NUNES, Mr. MCCARTHY of California, Mrs. CAPPS, Ms. BROWNLEY of California, Ms. CHU, Mr. SCHIFF, Mr. CÁRDENAS, Mr. SHERMAN, Mr. GARY G. MILLER of California, Mrs. NAPOLITANO, Mr. WAXMAN, Mr. BECERRA, Mrs. NEGRETE MCLEOD, Mr. RUIZ, Ms. BASS, Ms. LINDA T. SÁNCHEZ of California, Mr. ROYCE, Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD, Mr. TAKANO, Mr. CALVERT, Ms. WATERS, Ms. HAHN, Mr. CAMPBELL, Ms. LORETTA SANCHEZ of California, Mr. LOWENTHAL, Mr. ROHRBACHER, Mr. HUNTER, Mr. VARGAS, Mr. PETERS of California, Mrs. DAVIS of California, and Mr. ISSA):

H.R. 4939. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2551 Galena Avenue in Simi Valley, California, as the "Neil Havens Post Office"; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

By Ms. MENG:

H.R. 4940. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to permanently extend 15-year straight-line cost recovery and section 179 expensing for qualified leasehold improvement property, qualified restaurant

property, and qualified retail improvement property; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. PETERS of Michigan:

H.R. 4941. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for the establishment of Promise Zones; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Ms. TITUS (for herself, Mr. O'ROURKE, Mr. TAKANO, Mr. HASTINGS of Florida, Ms. KUSTER, Ms. NORTON, and Mr. RUIZ):

H.R. 4942. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to increase the number of graduate medical education residency positions at hospitals administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. WALZ (for himself, Ms. MCCOLLUM, Mr. WOMACK, and Mr. NOLAN):

H.R. 4943. A bill to improve the training of child protection professionals; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce, and in addition to the Committee on the Judiciary, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Ms. NORTON:

H. Con. Res. 103. Concurrent resolution authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for the District of Columbia Special Olympics Law Enforcement Torch Run; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

By Mr. FINCHER (for himself, Mr. COHEN, Mr. ROE of Tennessee, Mr. COOPER, Mrs. BLACKBURN, Mrs. BLACK, Mr. DUNCAN of Tennessee, and Mr. DESJARLAIS):

H. Res. 637. A resolution expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that the Secretary of the Navy should name an appropriate Navy ship in honor of Marine Corps General Clifton B. Cates of Tiptonville, Tennessee; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. HUIZENGA of Michigan (for himself, Mr. BENISHEK, Mr. BENTIVOLIO, Mr. CAMP, Mr. CONYERS, Mr. DINGELL, Mr. LEVIN, Mrs. MILLER of Michigan, Mr. PETERS of Michigan, Mr. UPTON, Mr. WALBERG, Mr. ROGERS of Michigan, Mr. KILDEE, and Mr. AMASH):

H. Res. 638. A resolution commemorating President Gerald R. Ford and the invaluable impact of his service to the United States in honor of the 40th anniversary of his presidency; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

By Mr. POLIS:

H. Res. 639. A resolution providing for the consideration of the bill (S. 815) to prohibit employment discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation or gender identity; to the Committee on Rules.

By Mr. TAKANO (for himself and Mr. YODER):

H. Res. 640. A resolution supporting the goals and ideals of "Helen Keller Deaf-Blind Awareness Week"; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

CONSTITUTIONAL AUTHORITY STATEMENT

Pursuant to clause 7 of rule XII of the Rules of the House of Representatives, the following statements are submitted regarding the specific powers granted to Congress in the Constitution to enact the accompanying bill or joint resolution.

By Mr. STEWART:

H.R. 4934.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1, Section 9 of the Constitution. The very existence of many federal administrative agencies rests on shaky constitutional grounds and often threatens the principle of Separation of Powers. Congress exercises Constitutional authority over these agencies through its appropriations power under Article 1 Section 9.

By Ms. JENKINS:

H.R. 4935.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Clause 1 of Section 8 of Article I of the United States Constitution and Amendment XVI of the United States Constitution.

By Mr. JEFFRIES:

H.R. 4936.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

This bill is enacted pursuant to the power granted to Congress under Article I, Section 8, Clauses 4 and 18 of the United States Constitution.

By Mr. MCKINLEY:

H.R. 4937.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

According to Article I, Section 8, Clause 3 of the Constitution: The Congress shall have power to enact this legislation to regulate commerce with foreign nations, and among the several states, and with the Indian tribes.

By Mr. GOHMERT:

H.R. 4938.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

The U.S. Constitution creates a government of the people to "provide for the common defence."

Article I, Section 8 permits Congress to make all laws "which shall be necessary and proper for carrying into execution . . . all other Powers vested by this Constitution."

By Mr. MCKEON:

H.R. 4939.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, section 8, clause 7 of the Constitution: "The Congress shall have Power To . . . establish Post Offices and post Roads."

By Ms. MENG:

H.R. 4940.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Clause 1 of Section 8 of Article 1 and the 16th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution.

By Mr. PETERS of Michigan:

H.R. 4941.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8, Clause 1

By Ms. TITUS:

H.R. 4942.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

The bill is enacted pursuant to the power granted to Congress under Article I, Section 8, Clause 3 of the United States Constitution.

By Mr. WALZ:

H.R. 4943.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

This bill is enacted pursuant to Section 8 of Article I of the United States Constitution.

ADDITIONAL SPONSORS

Under clause 7 of rule XII, sponsors were added to public bills and resolutions, as follows:

H.R. 60: Mr. BISHOP of New York and Ms. CLARK of Massachusetts.

H.R. 148: Ms. KUSTER.

H.R. 182: Ms. SHEA-PORTER.

H.R. 460: Mr. COBLE, Mr. WALZ, Mr. ROYCE, Mr. GRIMM, Mr. O'ROURKE, and Ms. KUSTER.

H.R. 713: Mr. FOSTER.

H.R. 787: Mr. MCKINLEY.

H.R. 798: Ms. ESHOO.

H.R. 997: Mr. POSEY and Mr. MICA.

H.R. 1015: Mr. COBLE, Mr. BEN RAY LUJÁN of New Mexico, Mr. AMODEI, Mr. TAKANO, and Ms. JENKINS.

H.R. 1020: Mr. CARSON of Indiana.

H.R. 1074: Mr. BARLETTA, Mr. BLUMENAUER, and Ms. BORDALLO.

H.R. 1250: Mr. GRIMM.

H.R. 1318: Ms. MCCOLLUM.

H.R. 1518: Mr. SCHWEIKERT.

H.R. 1527: Mrs. BEATTY.

H.R. 1658: Mr. MULLIN and Mr. PASTOR of Arizona.

H.R. 1771: Mr. PAULSEN and Mr. DUFFY.

H.R. 1812: Ms. SPEIER.

H.R. 1975: Mr. FOSTER.

H.R. 2001: Mr. DAVID SCOTT of Georgia.

H.R. 2041: Mr. FITZPATRICK.

H.R. 2084: Ms. ESHOO.

H.R. 2118: Mr. BLUMENAUER.

H.R. 2164: Mr. MICA and Mr. JONES.

H.R. 2170: Mr. MCNERNEY.

H.R. 2317: Mr. RUIZ.

H.R. 2366: Mr. COHEN, Mr. TIBERI, and Mr. JOHNSON of Ohio.

H.R. 2384: Mr. NEAL.

H.R. 2453: Mr. GRAYSON and Mr. BARLETTA.

H.R. 2529: Ms. LEE of California, Ms. ROSELEHTINEN, and Mr. TAKANO.

H.R. 2536: Ms. JENKINS.

H.R. 2673: Mr. LONG and Mr. BRIDENSTINE.

H.R. 2918: Mr. CARSON of Indiana.

H.R. 2994: Mr. JEFFRIES, Mr. BERA of California, Mr. JOYCE, and Mr. GERLACH.

H.R. 2996: Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania and Mrs. BUSTOS.

H.R. 3116: Mr. PAYNE and Mr. GRIMM.

H.R. 3382: Ms. KUSTER.

H.R. 3424: Mr. BLUMENAUER.

H.R. 3471: Mr. McDERMOTT.

H.R. 3566: Ms. CLARK of Massachusetts.

H.R. 3569: Ms. NORTON.

H.R. 3571: Mr. GRIMM, Mrs. MCCARTHY of New York, and Mrs. BEATTY.

H.R. 3717: Mrs. BLACKBURN.

H.R. 3854: Ms. TSONGAS.

H.R. 3877: Mr. LARSON of Connecticut.

H.R. 3969: Ms. LOFGREN.

H.R. 3992: Mr. RUIZ and Mr. CONNOLLY.

H.R. 4012: Mr. JOHNSON of Ohio.

H.R. 4188: Mr. RUSH, Mrs. MCCARTHY of New York, Mr. FARENTHOLD, and Mr. GRIMM.

H.R. 4190: Mr. TAKANO, Mr. GARCIA, and Mr. CARSON of Indiana.

H.R. 4234: Mr. BARR.

H.R. 4301: Mr. FORBES, Mr. KING of Iowa, and Mr. GOWDY.

H.R. 4306: Mr. DELANEY and Mr. POCAN.

H.R. 4325: Ms. SPEIER.

H.R. 4347: Mr. POE of Texas.

H.R. 4351: Ms. LINDA T. SANCHEZ of California, Mr. BARLETTA, Mr. MCCLINTOCK, and Mr. CARSON of Indiana.

H.R. 4365: Ms. CASTOR of Florida.

H.R. 4383: Mr. CONNOLLY and Mrs. BUSTOS.

H.R. 4385: Mr. ENGEL.

H.R. 4415: Mr. QUIGLEY.

H.R. 4536: Mr. WELCH.

H.R. 4629: Mrs. LOWEY.

H.R. 4630: Mr. TAKANO.

H.R. 4631: Mrs. BUSTOS, Mr. HOLT, Mr. BARLETTA, Ms. BASS, and Ms. DUCKWORTH.

H.R. 4636: Mr. BARLETTA.

H.R. 4643: Ms. DELAURO.

H.R. 4651: Ms. JACKSON LEE and Mr. CULBERSON.

H.R. 4653: Mr. CARSON of Indiana.

H.R. 4682: Mr. RAHALL and Mr. ENYART.

H.R. 4699: Ms. ESHOO.

H.R. 4703: Mr. PITTS.

H.R. 4735: Ms. MCCOLLUM.

H.R. 4778: Ms. CLARK of Massachusetts.
H.R. 4783: Mr. HIMES.
H.R. 4786: Mrs. KIRKPATRICK.
H.R. 4799: Mr. DUNCAN of Tennessee.
H.R. 4837: Mr. RUPPERSBERGER and Mr. FITZPATRICK.
H.R. 4851: Mr. HOLT.
H.R. 4863: Mr. WALZ.
H.R. 4869: Mr. SCHWEIKERT and Mr. HULTGREN.
H.R. 4879: Ms. KAPTUR and Ms. NORTON.
H.R. 4897: Mr. ENGEL, Mr. BARLETTA, and Mr. CARSON of Indiana.
H.R. 4906: Mr. PAYNE.
H.R. 4916: Mr. HECK of Nevada, Mr. AMODEI, and Mr. WELCH.
H. Res. 72: Mr. BUCHANAN.
H. Res. 109: Ms. WATERS.

H. Res. 170: Mr. MORAN and Mr. CRENSHAW.
H. Res. 239: Mr. CARSON of Indiana.
H. Res. 308: Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York.
H. Res. 417: Mr. KILDEE.
H. Res. 588: Mrs. ROBY and Mr. RANGEL.
H. Res. 606: Mr. PETERS of California and Ms. CLARKE of New York.
H. Res. 621: Mr. WEBER of Texas.

CONGRESSIONAL EARMARKS, LIMITED TAX BENEFITS, OR LIMITED TARIFF BENEFITS

Under clause 9 of rule XXI, lists or statements on congressional earmarks,

limited tax benefits, or limited tariff benefits were submitted as follows:

The amendment to be offered by Representative GARDNER, or a designee, to H.R. 6, the Domestic Prosperity and Global Freedom Act, does not contain any congressional earmarks, limited tax benefits, or limited tariff benefits as defined in clause 9 of rule XXI.

The amendment to be offered by Representative PALLONE or a designee to H.R. 3301, the North American Energy Infrastructure Act, does not contain any congressional earmarks, limited tax benefits, or limited tariff benefits as defined in clause 9 of rule XXI.



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Senate

The Senate met at 2 p.m. and was called to order by the Honorable TIMOTHY M. KAINE, a Senator from the Commonwealth of Virginia.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, Dr. Barry C. Black, offered the following prayer:

Let us pray.

Eternal God, who spreads the lightning against the dark clouds, Your Name is holy. Your blessings continue to sustain this Nation and all who labor for liberty. May our Senators never take for granted their privilege to serve both You and country. Give them such gratitude that their actions will reinforce their thanksgiving. Lord, provide them with wisdom to become Your hands, feet, and voice in these challenging times.

Lord, be with those who support our lawmakers, particularly the family members who routinely sacrifice for America's good. May these often unsung heroes and heroines know that You are aware of their faithfulness and will reward their efforts.

We pray in Your great Name. Amen.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Presiding Officer led the Pledge of Allegiance, as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will please read a communication to the Senate from the President pro tempore (Mr. LEAHY).

The assistant legislative clerk read the following letter:

U.S. SENATE,
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,
Washington, DC, June 23, 2014.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby

appoint the Honorable TIMOTHY M. KAINE, a Senator from the Commonwealth of Virginia, to perform the duties of the Chair.

PATRICK J. LEAHY,
President pro tempore.

Mr. KAINE thereupon assumed the Chair as Acting President pro tempore.

RECOGNITION OF THE MAJORITY LEADER

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The majority leader is recognized.

BIPARTISAN SPORTSMEN'S ACT OF 2014—MOTION TO PROCEED

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I move to proceed to Calendar No. 384, S. 2363, the Bipartisan Sportsmen's Act of 2014.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The clerk will report the motion.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

Motion to proceed to Calendar No. 384, S. 2363, a bill to protect and enhance opportunities for recreational hunting, fishing, and shooting, and for other purposes.

SCHEDULE

Mr. REID. Mr. President, following my remarks and those of the Republican leader, the Senate will be in a period of morning business until 5:30 p.m. Following morning business, the Senate will proceed to executive session and proceed to a series of four cloture votes on three U.S. district court judges from Florida and one from Vermont.

60-VOTE THRESHOLD

We tried all last week—I am sorry to say unsuccessfully—to consider three very important appropriations bills. These bills are very significant because they provide this great government of ours with the resources it needs to serve the American people.

I think we have had enough sequestrations and government shutdowns, and I hope my Republican colleagues aren't headed in that direction again.

Given the importance of the appropriations legislation and the need to keep our government operating, I had hoped we could have a cooperative amendment process and participation from all Senators.

Our vote last Tuesday on the motion to proceed was promising, as 95 Senators voted to move forward on these three important bills. However, it is a shame we had to file cloture. If we had not had to file cloture, which resulted in 95 Senators voting to move forward on very important bills, we could have saved 3 days' worth of downtime and doing nothing. But that has happened for many years now with Republicans blocking, obstructing, and misdirecting basically everything we do here.

On the bill we had before the Senate last week, unfortunately, the Republican leader stalled the Senate's progress on these appropriations bills with his recent conversion to the idea of insisting on simple majority votes. He now insists on majority votes or nothing.

Over the past 5 years, virtually everything we have done here in the Senate has been subject to a 60-vote threshold. Why? Because the Republican leader has insisted on that.

Almost 50 times since President Obama took office, the Republican leader has employed the 60-vote threshold in order to block legislation—and good legislation. Bills pertaining to the treatment of 9/11 responders, funding our military, disclosure of campaign contributions, and small business jobs bills all received majority votes but were blocked at one time or another by the new McConnell rule. Under the McConnell rule, everything that comes before the Senate has to have 60 votes.

He has called himself "the proud guardian of gridlock." He has even gone to great lengths in defending the use of the 60-vote threshold.

Allow me to share, as I did last week—and I will do it again because I

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think it is worth repeating—a few of the Republican leader's past statements on the importance of 60 votes.

The Republican leader said: "Now, look, we know that on controversial matters in the Senate, it has for quite some time required 60 votes."

Another direct quote by the Republican leader:

[R]equiring 60 votes, particularly on matters of this enormous importance, is not at all unusual. It is the way the Senate operates.

The Republican leader also said:

Matters of this level of controversy always require 60 votes. So I would ask my friend, the majority leader, if he would modify his consent request to set the threshold for this vote at 60?

On July 30 the Republican leader said again—I am running through the months here:

For him to suggest that a matter of this magnitude, in a body that requires 60 votes for almost everything, is going to be done with 51 votes makes no sense at all.

Again he said:

So it is not at all unusual that the President's proposal of this consequence . . . would have to achieve 60 votes. That is the way virtually all business is done in the Senate . . .

The Republican leader holds himself as the person who has established this rule—the so-called McConnell rule—and is boasting about it. He has insisted on the 60-vote threshold time and time again over the past 5 years. So it is without logic, and it would deviate from the norm, that he, the Republican leader, has made. So I guess that is where we are. We are now operating under a 60-vote threshold and that is the norm that he, the Republican leader, has established around here.

The Republican leader's newfound support of the 51-vote threshold is timely, given his proposal to curb EPA regulatory powers because of an issue he thinks exists, even though there has been no rule promulgated by the White House. He is looking way off into the future. We have had months and months of people offering their opinions and suggestions as to how, if at all, this proposed rule could be changed, but he wants to do something about it even though there is nothing to change right now.

It is patently unfair to give the Republican leader a simple majority vote on his amendment when there have been so many other pieces of legislation he has blocked with the 60-vote threshold. However, we Democrats are willing to meet the Republican leader and his caucus halfway.

Here is the suggestion. We will agree to a simple majority vote on the Republican leader's EPA amendment in exchange for a 51-vote threshold on bills that are important to American families, such as an increase in the Federal minimum wage. A vast majority of the American people—Democrats, Republicans, and Independents—want the minimum wage raised.

How about a vote on equal pay for working women? The vast majority of American people want their wives, daughters, mothers, and sisters to have the same paycheck when they do the same work as a man.

How about legislation permitting student borrowers to refinance their student loans? They blocked us on that legislation with the 60-vote threshold.

How about energy efficiency legislation? They blocked that many times.

How about a simple majority vote on the disclosure of campaign contributions? How about a simple majority vote on updating voting right protections that the Supreme Court did away with? How about a simple majority vote for background checks on gun purchases? Eight-five to 90 percent of the American people support that, and over half the NRA members support that.

What I am saying is, OK, if the Republican leader wants to vote on the EPA amendment with a simple majority vote, fine, we will take that. But let's have a simple majority vote on these other issues we feel are extremely important to help the middle class.

In exchange for a simple majority vote on legislation—I repeat, legislation that is so timely—such as, minimum wage, student loans, equal pay for men and women, energy efficiency legislation, and background checks for gun purchases, we could have a simple majority vote on the EPA amendment.

It is only fair that bills blocked by the McConnell rule be granted the same treatment as the Republican leader's own legislation. To do otherwise would be unjust to the many Senators who introduced legislation that is important to American families.

I hope we can come to a quick agreement on this offer and move to an open amendment process on appropriations bills, which should make Republicans happy. They said they wanted amendments; they can have amendments.

RESERVATION OF LEADER TIME

Will the Chair announce the business of the day.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order, the leadership time is reserved.

MORNING BUSINESS

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order, the Senate will be in a period of morning business until 5:30 p.m. with Senators permitted to speak therein for up to 10 minutes each.

Mr. REID. I note the absence of a quorum.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The clerk will call the roll.

The legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mrs. SHAHEEN. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Ms. HIRONO). Without objection, it is so ordered.

HONORING OUR ARMED FORCES

LANCE CORPORAL BRANDON GARABRANT

Mrs. SHAHEEN. Madam President, it is with a heavy heart that I rise this evening to honor the life and service of U.S. Marine Corps LCpl Brandon Garabrant. Brandon was a native of Greenfield, NH, who, sadly, was killed in action on Friday in Afghanistan.

Lance Corporal Garabrant was serving his first tour overseas after completing basic training at Camp Lejeune last year.

In the days since we learned that Brandon made the ultimate sacrifice for his country, we have been touched by the selfless devotion with which he lived his life and which defined him as a citizen and a marine.

His dedication to our country was so focused that he completed his basic training at Camp Lejeune just 1 day before he graduated from ConVal Regional High School. Brandon also served throughout his high school years as a volunteer firefighter with the Temple Volunteer Fire Department.

Although he was just 19 years old when he deployed to Afghanistan, Brandon faced the enormous task of defending our Nation with unshakable conviction.

Brandon's thoughts on the eve of his April deployment most aptly demonstrate his devotion to his country, to his community, and to his fellow marines. Brandon wrote:

Fighting for our country, our brothers to the left and right, our friends and families back home. So that you can have the right for freedom and to live the American dream without fear of anything. Here comes a long journey into the unknown.

It is certainly a very long journey for Brandon.

Brandon is survived by his mother Jessie, his father John, and his younger siblings Jacob and Mykala.

It is my hope that during this extremely difficult time Brandon's family and friends will find comfort in knowing that Americans everywhere appreciate deeply his sacrifice in defense of our country so the rest of us may continue to live in peace and freedom.

Brandon epitomized the best New Hampshire tradition of service, and his example will not soon be forgotten by those who were fortunate enough to have known him.

I ask my colleagues and all Americans to join me in honoring the life and service of this brave young American, Brandon Garabrant.

I yield the floor.

I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The assistant legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. COATS. I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

TRUST GAP

Mr. COATS. Madam President, I just returned a couple of hours ago to Washington from Indiana, and over the last several months, as I have been visiting and talking to Hoosiers, I have continued to hear concerns about—and I am concerned, frankly—this widening trust deficit between the American people—at least the people I represent, and I think I can say pretty much across this country—and Washington. The American people lack confidence in Washington, confidence that they are getting the straight story, the hard truth. Not a lot of good things over the past several months have come out of either this body or a number of Washington agencies.

This trust gap is ever widening as we have kind of careened from scandal to scandal, incident to incident, broken promises made by top officials, false statements being made, the latest of which is now this resurrection again of the IRS scandal.

Let me say this: It has been said that no agency in Washington is less forgiving than the Internal Revenue Service. No agency in Washington has more power over the American people than the Internal Revenue Service. If there is an agency that needs to be apolitical and to not engage in anything that could even be deemed political, it is the IRS, given the power they have to destroy your reputation, destroy your finances, and destroy your business.

The way they work is they determine you are in violation, in a sense reversing what is sacrosanct in America; that is, you are innocent until proven guilty, but under the IRS, you are guilty until proven innocent. You have to hire lawyers and accountants and sit down with them to prove you are not violating their rules. That is upside down.

One of the founding principles which sets the United States apart from other nations and makes us exceptional is the First Amendment to the Constitution. Under the First Amendment, Americans are constitutionally guaranteed the right to organize around the issues and values they believe in and the right to disagree with their government. We look around the world and see that is not the case in very many places. But in America, that cherished right to take a position opposite our government—to protest, to organize, and to seek changes as a result of that organization—this liberty is part of what energizes and fuels the very spirit of America and everything we stand for.

So when a so-called independent agency of the Federal Government attacks average American citizens for expressing their beliefs, a fundamental trust is broken and it is very hard to repair. Again, no agency has perhaps more intimidating power over American citizens than the Internal Revenue Service.

We owe it to the American taxpayers to reveal the truth—the full truth—of

what has happened at the IRS and repair the damage of this agency's reckless actions in regard to those who have organized for political purposes, to protest, to assert their First Amendment rights, to follow the law and exercise those First Amendment rights, without having an agency of the government targeting them and intruding on what they are trying to do.

It is clear now that in 2010 the IRS targeted conservative groups—including one in my home State—for extra scrutiny based on political leanings. The agency displayed a stunning abuse of power and complete disregard of our Constitution in taking this action.

Lois Lerner, the former Director of the IRS's Exempt Organizations Unit and the official at the center of this ongoing congressional investigation, refuses to testify before Congress on the advice of her attorney. Yes, she has the right to plead the Fifth Amendment to not answer questions, but we are getting stonewalled by the IRS in getting to the bottom of this and determining what kind of abuse has taken place against the American people. We are trying to reach the truth, but we are being denied that opportunity to reach the truth because those who know the truth refuse to testify under subpoena from the Congress.

Last Friday my House colleagues heard testimony from IRS Commissioner John Koskinen about missing emails from Lerner and six of her IRS subordinates.

Now, isn't this a coincidence? We know the IRS has been targeting groups, attacking their First Amendment rights, and the House oversight committee is seeking to find out whether this happened. The IRS is denying it, but Lois Lerner refuses to testify.

IRS Commissioner Koskinen comes in and says this is not true. OK. Let's prove it.

The IRS asks taxpayers to prove they didn't violate their rights under the IRS rules, but when we ask the IRS: Can you prove whether what you are saying is the truth, that you were not targeting these organizations, they claim they lost the evidence. They say the server crashed and all the emails we could trace back to determine the truth of this are lost. They are all gone.

The American people know that you can get into hard drives and find out everything ever put in there. Isn't it strange that only the IRS determined that, well, this whole thing crashed, so let's get rid of the hard drives.

Now, thousands of emails that could have led to a trace and allowed us to find the truth, disappeared. What a coincidence.

Do we think the American people buy this story? It would be laughable if it wasn't so serious. To claim that 2 years' worth of emails were completely, inadvertently lost is laughable on its face.

So no emails, no backups, a crashed server, assertions made long after

Members of Congress requested the information demonstrates at best a troubling lack of transparency and potentially criminal negligence. After all, the IRS is required to archive these emails by law.

But let's put this in perspective. The very organization that expects busy, hard-working Americans to maintain meticulous financial records and complete extensive, confusing tax forms each year can't find 2 years' worth of emails sent by its own employees. Even though we live in a day and age where virtually nothing ever disappears from the Internet, the IRS wants us to believe these emails are lost for good—and maybe they are if they took all the steps they have taken.

So to echo the comments of my colleague chairman PAUL RYAN: The IRS owes every American taxpayer an apology.

But an apology is not enough. We need answers and we need to find the truth. When this scandal first surfaced, the President promised Americans that he would "work hand-in-hand with Congress to get this thing fixed." That is a quote, "I will work hand in hand with Congress to get this thing fixed."

So how are they fixing it? They are sending the employees who were engaged and involved in this, and they basically either take the Fifth Amendment, saying they will not answer the questions, or they say: Gee. We lost all this stuff. I am sorry. Each of our six hard drives collapsed, and therefore we can't retrieve any kind of evidence that would prove where they are.

I am not a big fan of special prosecutors. I think giving them that power has not always proven to be the best way to get to the bottom of something, but in certain cases where there is such clear evidence that the truth is being withheld and evidence that could lead us to a conclusion is potentially being destroyed—I think that is the only way we are going to get to the bottom of this.

We need to start restoring the trust of the American people in their government agencies and in their government. Until we get to the bottom of this, this widening trust gap is going to continue.

Appointing an independent investigator would allow us access to Federal computer records to determine whether copies of these missing emails can be found on the government IT network. Perhaps they have scrubbed them in a way that it will not happen, but at least it would allow us an independent assessment of what is going on.

We can work to restore trust, but doing so will require answers and honesty from the Internal Revenue Service, which we are not getting.

I yield the floor.

THE PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Vermont.

RETIREMENT OF COLONEL MICHAEL COLBURN

Mr. LEAHY. Madam President, next month Col. Michael Colburn, who is the

director of the U.S. Marine Band, will retire after nearly 30 years with this history-rich and venerated organization.

We like the Marine Band, of course. My son is a Marine. But it is especially nice because Colonel Colburn is a native Vermonter, and his appreciation for the band, known worldwide as "The President's Own," began decades ago when the then-12-year-old euphonium-playing St. Albans native met a principal in the band while at summer band camp in Vermont.

In 1987, Colonel Colburn joined "The President's Own" as a euphonium player and ultimately became the band's director, a post he has held for the last decade. His tenure has taken him around the world and back again. He has played for Presidents and foreign dignitaries, at state dinners and inaugurations and regular performances that thousands have witnessed in Washington at the Marine Barracks during the weekly parades.

I have represented the Green Mountain State of Vermont in this Chamber longer than anyone in the history of our State. So you can imagine my enthusiasm when I see a Vermonter here in Washington and all the more so when I have the opportunity of capturing an image such as this, of Colonel Colburn conducting "The President's Own" during the January 2013 inauguration of President Obama. I was standing up on the stand when the President was being inaugurated and took that picture of Colonel Colburn. Of course, the whole world was watching the Colonel and watching the President.

I join with the proud citizens of Vermont and the people of a grateful nation in thanking Colonel Colburn for his service and his many, many memorable performances conducting "The President's Own," following in the footsteps of John Philip Sousa and making his own giant footsteps for others to follow. I wish him the very best as he begins the next chapter of his career as the director of bands at the University of Indianapolis.

I ask unanimous consent to have printed in the RECORD an interview with Colonel Colburn published in the Marine Corps Times in February.

There being no objection, the material was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

[From the Marine Corps Times, Feb. 2, 2014]
 'PRESIDENT'S OWN' LEADER LOOKS BACK ON
 TIME WITH ELITE MARINE BAND
 (By Gina Harkins)

When Col. Michael Colburn was a 12-year-old euphonium player at a summer band camp in Vermont, he was in awe of one of the instructors there, Lucas Spiros, a principal in the United States Marine Band.

Colburn said the Marine, a fellow euphonium player, left a lasting impression.

"It was really the first time I thought, 'Hey, I could do that for a living,'" Colburn said. "From that moment on, I pursued my musical studies more diligently."

When Colburn himself joined "The President's Own" as a euphonium player in 1987,

he had no idea his career path would lead to becoming director of the prestigious band. Now 27 years later, he's just months shy of his final performance with the band. He'll retire from the Marine Corps in July, and take over as the next director of bands at Butler University in Indianapolis.

Colburn said he wants young musicians to know that if they work hard and use their creativity, they can still pursue a career doing what they love. After all, his perseverance led him through seven presidential inaugurations, to the former Soviet Union and to the stage of the "Late Show with David Letterman."

Q. Tell us what has surprised you during your time with "The President's Own."

A. In my early days as a conductor [while a member of the band], I had an interesting experience at the White House. I was leading our orchestra and was tapped on the elbow. I turned around and it was President Bill Clinton. He was very interested in the piece of music we were playing and had many questions that I tried to answer while I was conducting the orchestra. I realized that even though we were providing background music for a social event, you never know who's listening very carefully—it could be your commander in chief.

Q. What's one of the most rewarding things you've done with the band as a Marine?

A. Back when I was a player in the band, we toured the former Soviet Union for three weeks. That was really a memorable experience because it was in the 1990s, when the Soviet Union was really starting to come apart at the seams. To spend three weeks traveling the country and getting to know the people who lived behind the Iron Curtain—who we really didn't know on a personal level at all—to hear their stories and learn how much we had in common is something I'll never forget.

Q. After all these years with the band, is there any one song that you tend to feel strongly about when you guys play it?

A. People often ask whether I'm sick of playing "The Stars and Stripes Forever." But even after these thousands of performances, we never get tired of it. And there's one reason for that, and it's the audience's response to it, especially if they don't know it's coming. The "oohs and aahs" and the cheering make you feel like you're playing it for the first time.

Q. Most troops do their job without much interaction with the public. What's it like to carry out your job on a stage?

A. We really do understand that so much of our military indeed works behind the scenes. They don't have the privilege of being on a stage and receiving applause. It's especially during our tour concerts when we play the "Armed Forces Medley," which includes all the service songs, that we remember all the men and women serving in uniform who are in difficult and trying circumstances where no one is offering applause. In those moments, we feel we are representing all those troops when performing for the American public.

Q. As you move into academia, what are some of the things you're going to miss the most about the Marine Corps?

A. A lot of people assume my favorite part of the job is making music at the White House or meeting politicians and celebrities. That is thrilling, and I've loved it. But really the best part has to do with the quality of the people I've had the chance to work with in "The President's Own." They're some of the finest people I've met. I'm really excited about the opportunity to make music with students, and I hope I can bring the very high standards that I have hopefully developed during my Marine Corps career.

JUDICIAL NOMINATIONS

Mr. LEAHY. Madam President, the judges that fill the two Federal district court seats in my home State have an extraordinary impact on the lives of Vermonters. So when I learned that one of my dearest friends, Judge William Sessions, was to take senior status after 18 years of distinguished service on the Vermont district court, I took seriously my responsibility to act swiftly to identify a candidate to recommend to President Obama for nomination. I worked with Senator SANDERS, Representative WELCH, and the Vermont Bar Association to convene a nonpartisan merit commission to find highly qualified candidates.

So I again thank the nine members of the nonpartisan Vermont Judicial Selection Commission, under the leadership of Peter Van Oot, for the time, effort, and insight they invested in the screening process. We are fortunate in our small State of Vermont to have so many highly qualified lawyers in the field of applicants willing to serve in such a demanding post. There were a number of highly qualified people. After being vetted and recommended to me by the commission, I recommended Justice Geoffrey Crawford to President Obama. I told the President I was not surprised that after the American Bar Association Standing Committee on the Federal Judiciary finished its vetting, they gave him their highest rating of unanimously well qualified.

Justice Crawford has significant criminal and civil experience. He was a Vermont trial court judge for 11 years and recently became an Associate Justice on the Vermont Supreme Court. He formerly was a partner in a Burlington law firm. Justice Crawford earned his B.A., cum laude, from Yale University and his J.D., cum laude, from Harvard Law School. Following law school he served as a law clerk to Judge Albert Coffrin of the U.S. District Court for the District of Vermont.

I did not know Justice Crawford personally before this process, but when I did meet him I was struck by his brilliance, compassion, and humility. Justice Crawford earned a stellar reputation in Vermont's legal community, and also from those who had appeared before him, as a careful jurist who understands the effects that legal rulings have on people's lives. I have no doubt that once confirmed he will bring that same understanding and impartiality to the Federal bench.

The Judiciary Committee favorably reported Justice Crawford's nomination unanimously by voice vote to the full Senate. Justice Crawford, like the three other nominees we will vote on today, has been nominated to fill an emergency vacancy. He is a qualified uncontroversial nominee with the full support of his home state Senators. He and the three other nominees deserve to be confirmed without delay.

I thank the majority leader for bringing these nominations up for a vote and urge Senators to vote to defeat

these filibusters and get these nominees working for the American people in courthouses around the Nation. Justice Geoffrey Crawford will serve Vermont well as a Federal district judge, and I look forward to his confirmation.

Madam President, I don't see anyone else at the moment, so I would suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from New Hampshire.

Ms. AYOTTE. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

HONORING OUR ARMED FORCES

LANCE CORPORAL BRANDON GARABRANT

Ms. AYOTTE. Madam President, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of LCpl Brandon Garabrant, a proud marine from Greenfield, NH, who was tragically killed in action in Afghanistan last week.

Lance Corporal Garabrant was an extraordinary young man who cared deeply about his country. Before he even graduated from ConVal Regional High School last year, he had already graduated from marine boot camp at Parris Island. Brandon was eager to serve and he followed in the footsteps of his great-grandfather and his grandfather in joining the military to serve our country.

Long before he joined the Marines, Brandon had already earned a reputation as someone who was passionate about serving others. Volunteering with the Temple Volunteer Fire Department starting at age 17, he became a full-time member of that fire department when he turned 18. The fire chief at Temple, George Clark, was quoted as saying Brandon "was all about helping people," adding that "no matter what needed doing, he was always the first guy there." Chief Clark said even when Brandon was home on leave he would get in touch and he would ask how could he help, a true reflection on Brandon's commitment to serving others as reflected in his service to our country.

Lance Corporal Garabrant was proud to be a marine and enjoyed the important work he was doing. He was a big-hearted young man with a bright future ahead of him, and he represented the very best of New Hampshire and the very best of our great Nation.

Brandon was taken from us far too soon. As we mourn his tragic loss, we commit ourselves to forever honor and cherish his memory and to carry on the proud legacy of service he leaves behind. Brandon was a true American hero for the sacrifice he made for our country, for our freedom. At this very sad time we also support and comfort his family who have made the ultimate sacrifice in service to our country.

In the difficult days and weeks ahead, my thoughts and prayers will remain with his mother Jessie, his father John, as well as his brother Jacob and his sister Mykala. May God forever bless LCpl Brandon Garabrant. May we honor his selfless sacrifice for our country. If it weren't for people such as Brandon, we would not enjoy the freedoms we have in this great country. If it were not for marines such as Lance Corporal Garabrant, who stepped up to serve his country and volunteered on behalf of our great Nation, we would not have the free speech rights we enjoy or any of the other rights we enjoy.

My thoughts and prayers will remain with his family. My thoughts and prayers will remain with all of his fellow soldiers who have lost a friend, and my thoughts and prayers will remain with all of those in the Greenfield community, with the fire station, with Chief Clark, and all of those who have lost a great American hero.

Thank you, Madam President.

I would suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The assistant legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. TESTER. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

CONCLUSION OF MORNING BUSINESS

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Morning business is closed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

CLOTURE MOTION

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the Senate will proceed to executive session.

Under the previous order, there will now be 2 minutes of debate equally divided prior to the cloture vote on the Byron nomination.

Mr. TESTER. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that all time be yielded back.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, all time is yielded back.

CLOTURE MOTION

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Pursuant to rule XXII, the Chair lays before the Senate the pending cloture motion, which the clerk will state.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

CLOTURE MOTION

We, the undersigned Senators, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, hereby move to bring to a close debate on the nomination of Paul G. Byron, of Florida, to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of Florida.

Harry Reid, Patrick J. Leahy, Richard J. Durbin, Elizabeth Warren, Tim Kaine,

Richard Blumenthal, Robert P. Menendez, Barbara A. Mikulski, Debbie Stabenow, Christopher Murphy, Sheldon Whitehouse, Sherrod Brown, Patty Murray, Tom Harkin, Tom Udall, Christopher A. Coons, Robert P. Casey, Jr.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. By unanimous consent, the mandatory quorum call has been waived.

The question is, Is it the sense of the Senate that debate on the nomination of Paul G. Byron, of Florida, to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of Florida, shall be brought to a close?

The yeas and nays are mandatory under the rule.

The clerk will call the roll.

The assistant legislative clerk called the roll.

Mr. DURBIN. I announce that the Senator from Alaska (Mr. BEGICH), the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. MARKEY), the Senator from Arkansas (Mr. PRYOR), and the Senator from Hawaii (Mr. SCHATZ) are necessarily absent.

Mr. THUNE. The following Senators are necessarily absent: the Senator from Oklahoma (Mr. COBURN), the Senator from Mississippi (Mr. COCHRAN), the Senator from Texas (Mr. CORNYN), the Senator from Nevada (Mr. HELLER), the Senator from Nebraska (Mr. JOHANNES), the Senator from Wisconsin (Mr. JOHNSON), the Senator from Illinois (Mr. KIRK), the Senator from Alaska (Ms. MURKOWSKI), the Senator from Kansas (Mr. ROBERTS), the Senator from South Carolina (Mr. SCOTT), the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. TOOMEY), and the Senator from Louisiana (Mr. VITTER).

Further, if present and voting, the Senator from Texas (Mr. CORNYN) would have voted "nay" and the Senator from Wisconsin (Mr. JOHNSON) would have voted "nay."

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. DONNELLY). Are there any other Senators in the Chamber desiring to vote?

The yeas and nays resulted—yeas 53, nays 30, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 202 Ex.]

YEAS—53

Baldwin	Harkin	Nelson
Bennet	Heinrich	Reed
Blumenthal	Heitkamp	Reid
Booker	Hirono	Rockefeller
Boxer	Johnson (SD)	Rubio
Brown	Kaine	Sanders
Cantwell	King	Schumer
Cardin	Klobuchar	Shaheen
Carper	Landrieu	Stabenow
Casey	Leahy	Tester
Collins	Levin	Udall (CO)
Coons	Manchin	Udall (NM)
Donnelly	McCaskey	Walsh
Durbin	Menendez	Warner
Feinstein	Merkley	Warren
Franken	Mikulski	Whitehouse
Gillibrand	Murphy	Wyden
Hagan	Murray	

NAYS—30

Alexander	Corker	Hoeven
Ayotte	Crapo	Inhofe
Barrasso	Enzi	Isakson
Blunt	Fischer	Lee
Boozman	Flake	McCain
Burr	Graham	McConnell
Chambliss	Grassley	Moran
Coats	Hatch	Paul

Portman	Sessions	Thune
Risch	Shelby	Wicker

NOT VOTING—17

Begich	Johanns	Roberts
Coburn	Johnson (WI)	Schatz
Cochran	Kirk	Scott
Cornyn	Markey	Toomey
Cruz	Murkowski	Vitter
Heller	Pryor	

The PRESIDING OFFICER. On this vote the yeas are 53, the nays are 30. The motion is agreed to.

NOMINATION OF PAUL G. BYRON TO BE UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE FOR THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF FLORIDA

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the nomination.

The bill clerk read the nomination of Paul G. Byron, of Florida, to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of Florida.

CLOTURE MOTION

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, there will now be 2 minutes of debate equally divided prior to the cloture vote on the Mendoza nomination.

Mr. REID. I yield it back.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, all time is yielded back.

Pursuant to rule XXII, the Chair lays before the Senate the pending cloture motion, which the clerk will state.

The bill clerk read as follows:

CLOTURE MOTION

We, the undersigned Senators, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, hereby move to bring to a close debate on the nomination of Carlos Eduardo Mendoza, of Florida, to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of Florida.

Harry Reid, Patrick J. Leahy, Tom Udall, Robert P. Casey, Jr., Cory A. Booker, Jack Reed, Tim Kaine, Barbara Boxer, Bill Nelson, Jeff Merkley, Christopher A. Coons, Angus S. King, Jr., Richard Blumenthal, Richard J. Durbin, Christopher Murphy, Patty Murray, Charles E. Schumer.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. By unanimous consent, the mandatory quorum call has been waived.

The question is, Is it the sense of the Senate that debate on the nomination of Carlos Eduardo Mendoza, of Florida, to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of Florida, shall be brought to a close?

The yeas and nays are mandatory under the rule.

The clerk will call the roll.

The bill clerk called the roll.

Mr. DURBIN. I announce that the Senator from Alaska (Mr. BEGICH), the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. MARKEY), the Senator from Arkansas (Mr. PRYOR), and the Senator from Hawaii (Mr. SCHATZ) are necessarily absent.

Mr. THUNE. The following Senators are necessarily absent: the Senator from Oklahoma (Mr. COBURN), the Senator from Mississippi (Mr. COCHRAN), the Senator from Texas (Mr. CORNYN),

the Senator from Texas (Mr. CRUZ), the Senator from Nevada (Mr. HELLER), the Senator from Nebraska (Mr. JOHANNES), the Senator from Wisconsin (Mr. JOHNSON), the Senator from Alaska (Ms. MURKOWSKI), the Senator from Kansas (Mr. ROBERTS), the Senator from South Carolina (Mr. SCOTT), the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. TOOMEY), and the Senator from Louisiana (Mr. VITTER).

Further, if present and voting, the Senator from Texas (Mr. CORNYN) would have voted "nay" and the Senator from Wisconsin (Mr. JOHNSON) would have voted "nay."

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Are there any other Senators in the Chamber desiring to vote?

The yeas and nays resulted—yeas 53, nays 31, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 203 Ex.]

YEAS—53

Baldwin	Harkin	Nelson
Bennet	Heinrich	Reed
Blumenthal	Heitkamp	Reid
Booker	Hirono	Rockefeller
Boxer	Johnson (SD)	Rubio
Brown	Kaine	Sanders
Cantwell	King	Schumer
Cardin	Klobuchar	Shaheen
Carper	Landrieu	Stabenow
Casey	Leahy	Tester
Collins	Levin	Udall (CO)
Coons	Manchin	Udall (NM)
Donnelly	McCaskill	Walsh
Durbin	Menendez	Warner
Feinstein	Merkley	Warren
Franken	Mikulski	Whitehouse
Gillibrand	Murphy	Wyden
Hagan	Murray	

NAYS—31

Alexander	Fischer	McConnell
Ayotte	Flake	Moran
Barrasso	Graham	Paul
Blunt	Grassley	Portman
Boozman	Hatch	Risch
Burr	Hoeven	Sessions
Chambliss	Inhofe	Shelby
Coats	Isakson	Thune
Corker	Kirk	Wicker
Crapo	Lee	
Enzi	McCain	

NOT VOTING—16

Begich	Johanns	Schatz
Coburn	Johnson (WI)	Scott
Cochran	Markey	Toomey
Cornyn	Murkowski	Vitter
Cruz	Pryor	
Heller	Roberts	

The PRESIDING OFFICER. On this vote the yeas are 53, the nays are 31. The motion is agreed to.

NOMINATION OF CARLOS EDUARDO MENDOZA TO BE UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE FOR THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF FLORIDA

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the nomination.

The assistant legislative clerk reported the nomination of Carlos Eduardo Mendoza, of Florida, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Florida.

CLOTURE MOTION

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, there will now be 2 minutes of debate equally divided prior to the cloture vote on the Bloom nomination.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent to yield back all time.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, all time is yielded back.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Pursuant to rule XXII, the Chair lays before the Senate the pending cloture motion, which the clerk will state.

The assistant bill clerk read as follows:

CLOTURE MOTION

We, the undersigned Senators, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, hereby move to bring to a close debate on the nomination of Beth Bloom, of Florida, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Florida.

Harry Reid, Patrick J. Leahy, Tom Udall, Robert P. Casey, Jr., Jack Reed, Tim Kaine, Barbara Boxer, Bill Nelson, Jeff Merkley, Christopher A. Coons, Angus S. King, Jr., Richard Blumenthal, Cory A. Booker, Richard J. Durbin, Christopher Murphy, Patty Murray, Charles E. Schumer.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. By unanimous consent, the mandatory quorum call has been waived.

The question is, Is it the sense of the Senate that debate on the nomination of Beth Bloom of Florida to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Florida shall be brought to a close?

The yeas and nays are mandatory under the rule.

The clerk will call the roll.

The assistant bill clerk called the roll.

Mr. DURBIN. I announce that the Senator from Alaska (Mr. BEGICH), the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. MARKEY), the Senator from Arkansas (Mr. PRYOR), and the Senator from Hawaii (Mr. SCHATZ) are necessarily absent.

Mr. THUNE. The following Senators are necessarily absent: the Senator from Oklahoma (Mr. COBURN), the Senator from Mississippi (Mr. COCHRAN), the Senator from Texas (Mr. CORNYN), the Senator from Nevada (Mr. HELLER), the Senator from Nebraska (Mr. JOHANNES), the Senator from Wisconsin (Mr. JOHNSON), the Senator from Alaska (Ms. MURKOWSKI), the Senator from Kansas (Mr. ROBERTS), the Senator from South Carolina (Mr. SCOTT), the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. TOOMEY), and the Senator from Louisiana (Mr. VITTER).

Further, if present and voting, the Senator from Texas (Mr. CORNYN) would have voted "nay" and the Senator from Wisconsin (Mr. JOHNSON) would have voted "nay."

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Are there any other Senators in the Chamber desiring to vote?

The yeas and nays resulted—yeas 53, nays 31, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 204 Ex.]

YEAS—53

Baldwin	Cantwell	Donnelly
Bennet	Cardin	Durbin
Blumenthal	Carper	Feinstein
Booker	Casey	Franken
Boxer	Collins	Gillibrand
Brown	Coons	Hagan

Harkin	McCaskill	Schumer
Heinrich	Menendez	Shaheen
Heitkamp	Merkley	Stabenow
Hirono	Mikulski	Tester
Johnson (SD)	Murphy	Udall (CO)
Kaine	Murray	Udall (NM)
King	Nelson	Walsh
Klobuchar	Reed	Warner
Landrieu	Reid	Warren
Leahy	Rockefeller	Whitehouse
Levin	Rubio	Wyden
Manchin	Sanders	

NAYS—31

Alexander	Fischer	McConnell
Ayotte	Flake	Moran
Barrasso	Graham	Paul
Blunt	Grassley	Portman
Boozman	Hatch	Risch
Burr	Hoeven	Sessions
Chambliss	Inhofe	Shelby
Coats	Isakson	Thune
Corker	Kirk	Wicker
Crapo	Lee	
Enzi	McCain	

NOT VOTING—16

Begich	Johanns	Schatz
Coburn	Johnson (WI)	Scott
Cochran	Markey	Toomey
Cornyn	Murkowski	Vitter
Cruz	Pryor	
Heller	Roberts	

The PRESIDING OFFICER. On this vote the ayes are 53, the nays are 31. The motion is agreed to.

NOMINATION OF BETH BLOOM TO BE UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the nomination.

The assistant bill clerk read the nomination of Beth Bloom, of Florida, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Florida.

CLOTURE MOTION

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, there will be 2 minutes of debate equally divided prior to a cloture vote on the Crawford nomination.

Mr. HATCH. I yield back the time.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. All time is yielded back.

Pursuant to rule XXII, the Chair lays before the Senate the pending cloture motion, which the clerk will state.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

CLOTURE MOTION

We, the undersigned Senators, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, hereby move to bring to a close debate on the nomination of Geoffrey W. Crawford, of Vermont, to be United States District Judge for the District of Vermont.

Harry Reid, Patrick J. Leahy, Tom Udall, Robert P. Casey, Jr., Tim Kaine, Jack Reed, Cory A. Booker, Barbara Boxer, Bill Nelson, Jeff Merkley, Christopher A. Coons, Angus S. King, Jr., Richard Blumenthal, Richard J. Durbin, Christopher Murphy, Patty Murray, Charles E. Schumer.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. By unanimous consent, the mandatory quorum call has been waived.

The question is, Is it the sense of the Senate that debate on the motion to proceed to the nomination of Geoffrey W. Crawford, of Vermont, to be United States District Judge for the District of Vermont, shall be brought to a close?

The yeas and nays are mandatory under the rule.

The clerk will call the roll.

The legislative clerk called the roll.

Mr. DURBIN. I announce that the Senator from Alaska (Mr. BEGICH), the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. MARKEY), the Senator from Arkansas (Mr. PRYOR), and the Senator from Hawaii (Mr. SCHATZ) are necessarily absent.

Mr. THUNE. The following Senators are necessarily absent: the Senator from Oklahoma (Mr. COBURN), the Senator from Mississippi (Mr. COCHRAN), the Senator from Texas (Mr. CORNYN), the Senator from Texas (Mr. CRUZ), the Senator from Nevada (Mr. HELLER), the Senator from Nebraska (Mr. JOHANNIS), the Senator from Wisconsin (Mr. JOHNSON), the Senator from Alaska (Ms. MURKOWSKI), the Senator from Kansas (Mr. ROBERTS), the Senator from South Carolina (Mr. SCOTT), the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. TOOMEY), and the Senator from Louisiana (Mr. VITTER).

Further, if present and voting, the Senator from Texas (Mr. CORNYN) would have voted "nay" and the Senator from Wisconsin (Mr. JOHNSON) would have voted "nay."

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Are there any other Senators in the Chamber desiring to vote?

The yeas and nays resulted—yeas 52, nays 32, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 205 Ex.]

YEAS—52

Baldwin	Harkin	Nelson
Bennet	Heinrich	Reed
Blumenthal	Heitkamp	Reid
Booker	Hirono	Rockefeller
Boxer	Johnson (SD)	Sanders
Brown	Kaine	Schumer
Cantwell	King	Shaheen
Cardin	Klobuchar	Stabenow
Carper	Landrieu	Tester
Casey	Leahy	Udall (CO)
Collins	Levin	Udall (NM)
Coons	Manchin	Walsh
Donnelly	McCaskill	Warner
Durbin	Menendez	Warren
Feinstein	Merkley	Whitehouse
Franken	Mikulski	Wyden
Gillibrand	Murphy	
Hagan	Murray	

NAYS—32

Alexander	Fischer	McConnell
Ayotte	Flake	Moran
Barrasso	Graham	Paul
Blunt	Grassley	Portman
Boozman	Hatch	Risch
Burr	Hoeven	Rubio
Chambliss	Inhofe	Sessions
Coats	Isakson	Shelby
Corker	Kirk	Thune
Crapo	Lee	Wicker
Enzi	McCain	

NOT VOTING—16

Begich	Johanns	Schatz
Coburn	Johnson (WI)	Scott
Cochran	Markey	Toomey
Cornyn	Murkowski	Vitter
Cruz	Pryor	
Heller	Roberts	

The PRESIDING OFFICER. On this vote the yeas are 52, the nays are 32. The motion is agreed to.

NOMINATION OF GEOFFREY W. CRAWFORD TO BE UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE FOR THE DISTRICT OF VERMONT

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the nomination.

The assistant bill clerk read as follows:

Nomination of Geoffrey W. Crawford, of Vermont, to be United States District Judge for the District of Vermont.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senate will resume legislative session. The majority leader.

MORNING BUSINESS

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent the Senate now proceed to a period of morning business, and during that time Senators be allowed to speak for up to 10 minutes each.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

CONGRATULATING DENNIS VAN ROEKEL

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I rise today to honor and recognize the career of Dennis Van Roekel, whose term is ending as president of one of the Nation's largest labor unions, the National Education Association. Mr. Van Roekel is also a member of the U.S. Department of Education's Equity and Excellence Commission, which studies how students are affected by inequitable school finance systems. His leadership knows no borders, as he has also served as vice president of Education International for North America and the Caribbean to pursue means to raise student achievement and provide adequate funding in a way that could serve as a model worldwide.

Mr. Van Roekel has long been an honorable and fervent supporter of the rights of teachers and public education. Before becoming president of the NEA, he served two terms as NEA vice president and secretary-treasurer, and he has held key positions in all levels of the association, including Arizona Education Association president and Paradise Valley Education Association president. He established the Commission on Effective Teachers and Teaching to examine the teaching profession on a national scale. As a recognized leader on education issues, he has testified before Congress, served on leading boards, such as the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards Executive Committee and the National Council for the Accreditation of Teacher Education Executive Board.

His excellence is unmistakable and has been recognized at numerous forums and national summits sponsored by the Coalition for Community Schools, Congressional Hispanic Caucus Institute, Council of Chief State School Officers, and Congressional Black Caucus Foundation. He has been a leader in discussing education issues with leading publications and networks, including C-SPAN, MSNBC, the New York Times, Wall Street Journal, Education Week, and TIME.

Mr. President, on behalf of the Senate, I commend Dennis Van Roekel on a lifetime of public service, and I wish him the best in all his future endeavors.

REMEMBERING JOHN KEY MCKINLEY

Mr. SHELBY. Mr. President, I wish to honor the life and legacy of my friend John Key McKinley, a Tuscaloosa native, who passed away on June 12. John was a dedicated philanthropist and skilled businessman who will be forever remembered as a dear friend to the State of Alabama and to the University of Alabama.

Born in Tuscaloosa in 1920, John graduated from Tuscaloosa High School. He went to earn a bachelor's degree in chemical engineering and a master's degree in organic chemistry from the University of Alabama. He was inducted into Tau Beta Pi and the Scabbard and Blade Society at the University and was a member of the Capstone Engineering Society. While in college, John was also a cadet in the ROTC and rose to the rank of cadet colonel and brigade commander. However, John's contributions go on well beyond his days as a student—he was a generous benefactor and steadfast supporter of the university throughout his life.

After graduating from Alabama in 1941, John began his career at Texaco. He left Texaco in August 1941 to join the Army and serve in Newfoundland and Europe during World War II. In August 1944 shortly after D-day, John landed on Utah Beach and took part in battles across France, Belgium, and Germany—including the Battle of the Bulge as the Allied troops moved through Western Europe and onto Berlin. As a result of his unwavering bravery during the battle for the Roer River, he received the prestigious Bronze Star. He also rose to the rank of major during his service in the Army.

Following the war, John returned to Texaco, where he held numerous positions within the company. He excelled in research and development—holding over a dozen patents from petroleum additives and grease components—and also continued his education. In 1962, he graduated from Harvard University's Advanced Management Program. Less than 10 years later, John was named the company's president, and in 1980 he became Texaco's president, chief executive, and chairman until his retirement in 1986.

In addition to his work at Texaco, John served on the board of directors for several companies, including Texaco, Inc., Federated Department Stores, Burlington Industries, Martin Marietta Corporation, Merck & Co., Inc., Manufacturers Hanover Trust Company, Manufacturers Hanover Corporation, and Apollo Computer, Inc. He also served on the board of directors of the Metropolitan Opera, the Peregrine Fund, the Americas Society, Business Council for Effective Literacy, and Me-

morial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center. John also took an active role in many civic and professional organizations, such as the Brookings Council, the Business Council—Washington DC, and President's Commission on Executive Exchange.

John's contributions did not go unnoticed. He was awarded the George Washington Honor Medal by the Freedom Foundation, the Gold Medal by the National Institute of Social Sciences, the American Eagle Award by the Invest-In-America National Council, and the Wallace Award by the American-Scottish Foundation. He was inducted into the Alabama Business Hall of Fame in 1982 and was installed in the Alabama Academy of Honor in 1983. Additionally, the Belgian Government presented John with the *Commandeur de L'Ordre de la Couronne* in 1984, which is the highest decoration given to a corporate leader in recognition of significant contributions to Belgium's economic sector.

I had the honor of knowing John and his wife Helen, who preceded him in death, as well as their two sons, John Jr. and Mark. I offer my deepest condolences to them and to all of their loved ones as they celebrate his many life accomplishments and mourn this great loss.

RECOGNIZING LINDA LANGSTON

Mr. HARKIN. Mr. President, today I want to recognize an exceptional local leader in Iowa who has used her experience and expertise to help communities across America to become more resilient. Back home, we know Linda Langston as an effective and tireless county supervisor in Linn County. Over the past year, however, I have enjoyed partnering with Supervisor Langston in her role as president of the National Association of Counties.

In this capacity, Supervisor Langston served as the principal spokesperson for our Nation's 3,069 counties and their nearly 40,000 elected officials. This is an important and demanding leadership post. Think about it: County governments employ almost 3.3 million people and invest nearly \$500 billion each year in our local communities, especially in the areas of transportation and infrastructure, justice and public safety, and health and human services.

As national president, Supervisor Langston has focused a tremendous amount of energy and attention this year on community, economic, and social resiliency, with a special focus on natural disaster preparedness and recovery. In addition, she has provided a local, midwestern perspective on national advisory committees with the National Academy of Sciences and the Federal Emergency Management Agency. She has also convened numerous national and regional forums with public, private, and nonprofit leaders to address the urgent issue of natural disaster preparedness and recovery.

Every day, it seems, we encounter news reports of extraordinary natural

disasters, everything from droughts, floods, tornadoes, and wildfires, to hurricanes, ice storms and extreme temperatures. Thanks to Supervisor Langston's thoughtful and expert leadership at the National Association of Counties, we can be confident that America's counties are better prepared for the natural disasters that inevitably lie ahead.

IOWA CONCESSION STUDY

Mr. HARKIN. Mr. President, I would like to take a few moments to recognize an innovative effort aimed at improving youth nutrition that took place at Muscatine High School in Iowa. Communities across the country are focusing on ways to build health and wellness into everyday life—in schools, workplaces, or elsewhere in the community—and this is one excellent example of just such an initiative.

In a collaboration between the University of Iowa and the parent-led Muscatine booster club—"Muskie Boosters"—researchers and booster club members added new healthy items such as apples, carrots, granola bars, and grilled chicken to the concession stand's menu during high school athletic events. They didn't stop there—they also modified the ingredients in other items to make them healthier. For example, they eliminated the use of trans fats in the nachos. These menu changes had one main goal: give the Muscatine High School community access to fresh and healthy food, where previously only junk food could be found.

And here is the really great news: The University of Iowa researchers who participated in this experiment found that selling healthier products had almost no impact on concession revenues and actually resulted in a slight increase in sales per football game with the introduction of healthier items and ingredient changes. Sales of some new items increased with each game, and—no surprise—parents were more satisfied with the healthier foods than they were with the less healthy food options.

The results of this study are further evidence that offering healthy food can be good for both our Nation's physical and our Nation's fiscal health. In fact, these results show us that selling healthier foods can actually increase profits and customer satisfaction. The study also provides an exemplary model of how academic institutions can work collaboratively with local communities to improve nutrition and health.

Given the alarming rates of childhood obesity, it is more important than ever that we continue to find creative and innovative solutions to confront the obesity epidemic. I commend the Muskies Boosters, the University of Iowa researchers, and other study authors who worked together to find innovative yet simple ways to improve

the quality of food being offered to our kids in the Muscatine community. I hope we can expand the great work they have done to other communities in Iowa and all across the Nation.

HIRAM, MAINE

Ms. COLLINS. Mr. President. I wish to commemorate the 200th anniversary of the Town of Hiram, ME. Known today as a gateway to the rugged and beautiful Western Maine Mountains, Hiram was built with a spirit of determination and resiliency that still guides the community today.

Hiram's incorporation on June 14, 1814, was but one milestone on a long journey of progress. For thousands of years, the banks of the Saco River were the hunting grounds of the Sokokis Tribe, and the legendary Pequawket Trail was their route between the Atlantic Ocean and the mountains. The reverence the Sokokis had for the natural beauty and resources of the region is upheld by the people of Hiram today.

The very name of the town, dating to the first European settlement in the 1780s, speaks of this reverence. Like the realm of the biblical King Hiram I of Tyre, the community was established among the trees that were its first source of prosperity. With the fast-moving Saco River and its tributaries providing power, sawmills became an important industry, soon followed by blacksmiths, leather manufacturing, and other endeavors vital to Maine's development. As a junction of two of Maine's early railroads, Hiram became the gateway to the White Mountains of New Hampshire. The wealth produced by the land was invested in schools and churches to create a true community.

The history of Hiram is directly connected to the very birth of our Nation. One of the town's first settlers was General Peleg Wadsworth, whose company of Minutemen answered the call of freedom at Lexington and Concord. After a life of remarkable service to our young country, in the military and in public office, General Wadsworth settled in Hiram in 1807, established a farm, and led the incorporation of the township. It is fascinating to consider the influence the beautiful surroundings had upon his grandson, the poet Henry Wadsworth Longfellow, who spent many summers in Hiram as a boy.

A quality that runs through Hiram's history is courage. Some 100 young men from the town fought to save our Nation in the Civil War, and 39 gave their lives in that noble cause. It is humbling to know that Pleasant Ridge Cemetery is the final resting place for patriots from four generations of the Lyons family who served with valor and distinction.

Today, Hiram is a charming town of involved citizens. The historic Soldiers Memorial Library, built nearly a century ago in honor of those who defended our country, is avidly supported

and remains a center of community activity. The saw and scythe depicted on the new bicentennial seal are reminders of Hiram's past and indicators of the hard work and enthusiasm the townspeople have put into this year's landmark birthday celebration.

This 200th anniversary is not just about something that is measured in calendar years; it is about human accomplishment, an occasion to celebrate the people who for more than two centuries have pulled together, cared for one another, and built a community. Thanks to those who came before, Hiram has a wonderful history. Thanks to those who are there today, it has a bright future.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

MARION COUNTY, IOWA

• Mr. HARKIN. Mr. President, the strength of my State of Iowa lies in its vibrant local communities, where citizens come together to foster economic development, make smart investments to expand opportunity, and take the initiative to improve the health and well-being of residents. Over the decades, I have witnessed the growth and revitalization of so many communities across my State. And it has been deeply gratifying to see how my work in Congress has supported these local efforts.

I have always believed in accountability for public officials, and this, my final year in the Senate, is an appropriate time to give an accounting of my work across four decades representing Iowa in Congress. I take pride in accomplishments that have been national in scope—for instance, passing the Americans with Disabilities Act and spearheading successful farm bills. But I take a very special pride in projects that have made a big difference in local communities across my State.

Today, I would like to give an accounting of my work with leaders and residents of Marion County to build a legacy of a stronger local economy, better schools and educational opportunities, and a healthier, safer community.

Between 2001 and 2013, the creative leadership in your community has worked with me to secure funding in Marion County worth over \$5 million and successfully acquired financial assistance from programs I have fought hard to support, which have provided more than \$95 million to the local economy.

Of course, one of my favorite memories of working together is working with Central College to provide \$1.8 million for the Center for Math, Science, and Technology to expand its curriculum, increase technology training in teacher education, and provide distance learning for teachers in the field.

Among the highlights:

Investing in Iowa's economic development through targeted community projects: In Central Iowa, we have worked together to grow the economy by making targeted investments in important economic development projects, including improved roads and bridges, modernized sewer and water systems, and better housing options for residents of Marion County. In many cases, I have secured Federal funding that has leveraged local investments and served as a catalyst for a whole ripple effect of positive, creative changes. For example, working with mayors, city council members, and local economic development officials in Marion County, I have fought to resurrect the Des Moines River Greenbelt account which helped the Marion County Cordova Center on the Rock to build an environmental learning center, amphitheater, trails, and other outdoor recreational opportunities, as well as a 4-mile trail connecting the city of Pella with Cordova area. While there is more to do in the future, I am pleased that construction of the first phase of the project was complete in August 2013 at a cost of \$3,100,000.

School grants: Every child in Iowa deserves to be educated in a classroom that is safe, accessible, and modern. That is why, for the past decade and a half, I have secured funding for the innovative Iowa Demonstration Construction Grant Program—better known among educators in Iowa as Harkin grants for public schools construction and renovation. Across 15 years, Harkin grants worth more than \$132 million have helped school districts to fund a range of renovation and repair efforts—everything from updating fire safety systems to building new schools. In many cases, these Federal dollars have served as the needed incentive to leverage local public and private dollars, so it often has a tremendous multiplier effect within a school district. Over the years, Marion County has received \$319,444 in Harkin grants. Similarly, schools in Marion County have received funds that I designated for Iowa Star Schools for technology totaling \$249,844.

Disaster mitigation and prevention: In 1993, when historic floods ripped through Iowa, it became clear to me that the national emergency-response infrastructure was woefully inadequate to meet the needs of Iowans in flood-ravaged communities. I went to work dramatically expanding the Federal Emergency Management Agency's hazard mitigation program, which helps communities reduce the loss of life and property due to natural disasters and enables mitigation measures to be implemented during the immediate recovery period. Disaster relief means more than helping people and businesses get back on their feet after a disaster; it means doing our best to prevent the same predictable flood or other catastrophe from recurring in the future. The hazard mitigation program that I helped create in 1993 provided critical

support to Iowa communities impacted by the devastating floods of 2008. Marion County has received over \$5 billion to remediate and prevent widespread destruction from natural disasters.

Agricultural and rural development: Because I grew up in a small town in rural Iowa, I have always been a loyal friend and fierce advocate for family farmers and rural communities. I have been a member of the House or Senate Agriculture Committee for 40 years—including more than 10 years as chairman of the Senate Agriculture Committee. Across the decades, I have championed farm policies for Iowans that include effective farm income protection and commodity programs; strong, progressive conservation assistance for agricultural producers; renewable energy opportunities; and robust economic development in our rural communities. Since 1991, through various programs authorized through the farm bill, Marion County has received more than \$2.2 million from a variety of farm bill programs.

Keeping Iowa communities safe: I also firmly believe that our first responders need to be appropriately trained and equipped, able to respond to both local emergencies and to statewide challenges such as, for instance, the methamphetamine epidemic. Since 2001, Marion County's fire departments have received over \$1.7 million for firefighter safety and operations equipment.

Wellness and health care: Improving the health and wellness of all Americans has been something I have been passionate about for decades. That is why I fought to dramatically increase funding for disease prevention, innovative medical research, and a whole range of initiatives to improve the health of individuals and families not only at the doctor's office but also in our communities, schools, and workplaces. I am so proud that Americans have better access to clinical preventive services, nutritious food, smoke-free environments, safe places to engage in physical activity, and information to make healthy decisions for themselves and their families. These efforts not only save lives, they will also save money for generations to come thanks to the prevention of costly chronic diseases, which account for a whopping 75 percent of annual health care costs. I am pleased that Marion County has recognized this important issue by securing \$264,000 for worksite wellness programs.

This is at least a partial accounting of my work on behalf of Iowa, and specifically Marion County, during my time in Congress. In every case, this work has been about partnerships, cooperation, and empowering folks at the State and local level, including in Marion County, to fulfill their own dreams and initiatives. And, of course, this work is never complete. Even after I retire from the Senate, I have no intention of retiring from the fight for a better, fairer, richer Iowa. I will always be

profoundly grateful for the opportunity to serve the people of Iowa as their Senator.●

WINNESHIEK COUNTY, IOWA

● **Mr. HARKIN.** Mr. President, the strength of my State of Iowa lies in its vibrant local communities, where citizens come together to foster economic development, make smart investments to expand opportunity, and take the initiative to improve the health and well-being of residents. Over the decades, I have witnessed the growth and revitalization of so many communities across my State. And it has been deeply gratifying to see how my work in Congress has supported these local efforts.

I have always believed in accountability for public officials, and this, my final year in the Senate, is an appropriate time to give an accounting of my work across four decades representing Iowa in Congress. I take pride in accomplishments that have been national in scope—for instance, passing the Americans with Disabilities Act and spearheading successful farm bills. But I take a very special pride in projects that have made a big difference in local communities across my State.

Today, I would like to give an accounting of my work with leaders and residents of Winneshiek County to build a legacy of a stronger local economy, better schools and educational opportunities, and a healthier, safer community.

Between 2001 and 2013, the creative leadership in your community has worked with me to secure funding in Winneshiek County worth over \$2.7 million and successfully acquired financial assistance from programs I have fought hard to support, which have provided more than \$15.6 million to the local economy.

Of course my favorite memories of working together have to include working with community leaders to secure more than \$22 million in federal funding for the Northeast Community College in recent years. The federal funding was directed towards various programs and renovations, including dairy research, farm safety, and renewable energy education.

Among the highlights:

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centive to leverage local public and private dollars, so it often has a tremendous multiplier effect within a school district. Over the years, Winneshiek County has received \$274,120 in Harkin grants. Similarly, schools in Winneshiek County have received funds that I designated for Iowa Star Schools for technology totaling \$35,000.

Agricultural and rural development: Because I grew up in a small town in rural Iowa, I have always been a loyal friend and fierce advocate for family farmers and rural communities. I have been a member of the House or Senate Agriculture Committee for 40 years—including more than 10 years as chairman of the Senate Agriculture Committee. Across the decades, I have championed farm policies for Iowans that include effective farm income protection and commodity programs; strong, progressive conservation assistance for agricultural producers; renewable energy opportunities; and robust economic development in our rural communities. Since 1991, through various programs authorized through the farm bill, Winneshiek County has received more than \$2.2 million from a variety of farm bill programs.

Keeping Iowa communities safe: I also firmly believe that our first responders need to be appropriately trained and equipped, able to respond to both local emergencies and to statewide challenges such as, for instance, the methamphetamine epidemic. Since 2001, Winneshiek County's fire departments have received over \$743,000 for firefighter safety and operations equipment, \$65,500 in Byrne Justice Assistance grants, and more than \$692,000 in other programs through the Department of Justice to keep the community safe and drug free.

Wellness and health care: Improving the health and wellness of all Americans has been something I have been passionate about for decades. That is why I fought to dramatically increase funding for disease prevention, innovative medical research, and a whole range of initiatives to improve the health of individuals and families not only at the doctor's office but also in our communities, schools, and workplaces. I am so proud that Americans have better access to clinical preventive services, nutritious food, smoke-free environments, safe places to engage in physical activity, and information to make healthy decisions for themselves and their families. These efforts not only save lives, they will also save money for generations to come thanks to the prevention of costly chronic diseases, which account for a whopping 75 percent of annual health care costs. I am pleased that Winneshiek County has recognized this important issue by securing more than \$113,000 to promote wellness, nutrition, and mental health in the community.

Disability Rights: Growing up, I loved and admired my brother Frank,

who was deaf. But I was deeply disturbed by the discrimination and obstacles he faced every day. That is why I have always been a passionate advocate for full equality for people with disabilities. As the primary author of the Americans with Disabilities Act and the ADA Amendments Act, I have had four guiding goals for our fellow citizens with disabilities: equal opportunity, full participation, independent living, and economic self-sufficiency. Nearly a quarter century since passage of the ADA, I see remarkable changes in communities everywhere I go in Iowa—not just in curb cuts or closed captioned television, but in the full participation of people with disabilities in our society and economy, folks who at long last have the opportunity to contribute their talents and to be fully included. These changes have increased economic opportunities for all citizens of Winneshiek County, both those with and without disabilities. And they make us proud to be a part of a community and country that respects the worth and civil rights of all of our citizens.

This is at least a partial accounting of my work on behalf of Iowa, and specifically Winneshiek County, during my time in Congress. In every case, this work has been about partnerships, cooperation, and empowering folks at the State and local level, including in Winneshiek County, to fulfill their own dreams and initiatives. And, of course, this work is never complete. Even after I retire from the Senate, I have no intention of retiring from the fight for a better, fairer, richer Iowa. I will always be profoundly grateful for the opportunity to serve the people of Iowa as their Senator.●

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Mr. Pate, one of his secretaries.

EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

As in executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate messages from the President of the United States submitting sundry nominations which were referred to the appropriate committees.

(The messages received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

REPORT ON THE CONTINUATION OF THE NATIONAL EMERGENCY THAT WAS ORIGINALLY DECLARED IN EXECUTIVE ORDER 13219 OF JUNE 26, 2001, WITH RESPECT TO THE WESTERN BALKANS—PM 46

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the following message from the President of the United States, together with an accompanying report; which was referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:

To the Congress of the United States:

Section 202(d) of the National Emergencies Act (50 U.S.C. 1622(d)) provides for the automatic termination of a national emergency unless, within 90 days prior to the anniversary date of its declaration, the President publishes in the *Federal Register* and transmits to the Congress a notice stating that the emergency is to continue in effect beyond the anniversary date. In accordance with this provision, I have sent to the *Federal Register* for publication the enclosed notice stating that the national emergency with respect to the Western Balkans that was declared in Executive Order (E.O.) 13219 of June 26, 2001, is to continue in effect beyond June 26, 2014.

The threat constituted by the actions of persons engaged in, or assisting, sponsoring, or supporting, (i) extremist violence in the Republic of Macedonia and elsewhere in the Western Balkans region, or (ii) acts obstructing implementation of the Dayton Accords in Bosnia or United Nations Security Council Resolution 1244 of June 10, 1999, related to Kosovo, has not been resolved. In addition, E.O. 13219 was amended by E.O. 13304 of May 28, 2003, to take additional steps with respect to acts obstructing implementation of the Ohrid Framework Agreement of 2001 relating to Macedonia.

Because the acts of extremist violence and obstructionist activity outlined in these Executive Orders are hostile to U.S. interests and continue to pose an unusual and extraordinary threat to the national security and foreign policy of the United States, I have determined that it is necessary to continue the national emergency declared with respect to the Western Balkans.

BARACK OBAMA.

THE WHITE HOUSE, June 23, 2014.

REPORT ON THE CONTINUATION OF THE NATIONAL EMERGENCY THAT WAS ORIGINALLY DECLARED IN EXECUTIVE ORDER 13466 OF JUNE 26, 2008, WITH RESPECT TO NORTH KOREA, AS RECEIVED DURING RECESS OF THE SENATE ON JUNE 20, 2014—PM 47

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the following message from the President of the United States, together with an accompanying report; which was referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:

To the Congress of the United States:

Section 202(d) of the National Emergencies Act (50 U.S.C. 1622(d)) provides for the automatic termination of a national emergency unless, within 90 days prior to the anniversary date of its declaration, the President publishes in the *Federal Register* and transmits to the Congress a notice stating that the emergency is to continue in effect beyond the anniversary date. In accordance with this provision, I have sent to the *Federal Register* for publication the enclosed notice stating that the national emergency with respect to North Korea that was declared in Executive

Order (E.O.) 13466 of June 26, 2008, expanded in scope in E.O. 13551 of August 30, 2010, and addressed further in E.O. 13570 of April 18, 2011, is to continue in effect beyond June 26, 2014.

The existence and risk of proliferation of weapons-usable fissile material on the Korean Peninsula, and the actions and policies of the Government of North Korea that destabilize the Korean Peninsula and imperil U.S. Armed Forces, allies, and trading partners in the region, continue to constitute an unusual and extraordinary threat to the national security, foreign policy, and economy of the United States. For this reason, I have determined that it is necessary to continue the national emergency with respect to North Korea.

BARACK OBAMA.

THE WHITE HOUSE, June 20, 2014.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 4:04 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Novotny, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 4412. An act to authorize the programs of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, and for other purposes.

MEASURES REFERRED

The following bill was read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 4412. An act to authorize the programs of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-6199. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Update of Weighted Average Interest Rates, Yield Curves, and Segment Rates" (Notice 2014-41) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 19, 2014; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-6200. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Section 1603 Sequestration and Its Effect on the Investment Tax Credit (ITC) and the Production Tax Credit (PTC)" (Notice 2014-39) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 19, 2014; to the Committee on Finance.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota, from the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs, with amendments:

S. 2244. A bill to extend the termination date of the Terrorism Insurance Program established under the Terrorism Risk Insurance Act of 2002, and for other purposes.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

By Mr. MCCONNELL (for himself and Mr. PAUL):

S. 2512. A bill to establish an emergency transportation safety fund for the reconstruction of bridges along the Interstate Highway System, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. BENNET (for himself, Mr. ISAKSON, Mrs. HAGAN, Mr. ENZI, Mr. HATCH, and Mr. MURPHY):

S. 2513. A bill to establish a demonstration project for competency-based education; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following concurrent resolutions and Senate resolutions were read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Ms. HEITKAMP (for herself, Mr. HELLER, Mr. BEGICH, Mr. DONNELLY, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mr. BOOKER, Mr. HOEVEN, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. FRANKEN, Mr. WARNER, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mr. JOHANNIS, Mr. CASEY, Mr. WALSH, Mr. CRAPO, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota, Mr. CARDIN, and Mr. MERKLEY):

S. Res. 481. A resolution designating the month of June 2014 as "National Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder Awareness Month"; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 313

At the request of Mr. CASEY, the name of the Senator from Montana (Mr. WALSH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 313, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for the tax treatment of ABLE accounts established under State programs for the care of family members with disabilities, and for other purposes.

S. 948

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the name of the Senator from Colorado (Mr. BENNET) was added as a cosponsor of S. 948, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for coverage and payment for complex rehabilitation technology items under the Medicare program.

S. 1249

At the request of Mr. BLUMENTHAL, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. CASEY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1249, a bill to rename the Office to Monitor and Combat Traf-

ficking of the Department of State the Bureau to Monitor and Combat Trafficking in Persons and to provide for an Assistant Secretary to head such Bureau, and for other purposes.

S. 1256

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. HEINRICH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1256, a bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to preserve the effectiveness of medically important antimicrobials used in the treatment of human and animal diseases.

S. 1445

At the request of Mr. BARRASSO, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 1445, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for the participation of optometrists in the National Health Service Corps scholarship and loan repayment programs, and for other purposes.

S. 1695

At the request of Ms. CANTWELL, the name of the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. JOHNSON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1695, a bill to designate a portion of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge as wilderness.

S. 1837

At the request of Ms. WARREN, the name of the Senator from Vermont (Mr. SANDERS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1837, a bill to amend the Fair Credit Reporting Act to prohibit the use of consumer credit checks against prospective and current employees for the purposes of making adverse employment decisions.

S. 1893

At the request of Ms. AYOTTE, the name of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. BLUMENTHAL) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1893, a bill to require the Transportation Security Administration to implement best practices and improve transparency with regard to technology acquisition programs, and for other purposes.

S. 1945

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the names of the Senator from California (Mrs. FEINSTEIN), the Senator from New York (Mr. SCHUMER), the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. WHITEHOUSE), the Senator from Minnesota (Ms. KLOBUCHAR), the Senator from Minnesota (Mr. FRANKEN), the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. BLUMENTHAL) and the Senator from Hawaii (Ms. HIRONO) were added as cosponsors of S. 1945, a bill to amend the Voting Rights Act of 1965 to revise the criteria for determining which States and political subdivisions are subject to section 4 of the Act, and for other purposes.

S. 2117

At the request of Ms. WARREN, the name of the Senator from Montana (Mr. TESTER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2117, a bill to amend title 5, United States Code, to change the default investment fund under the Thrift Savings Plan, and for other purposes.

S. 2126

At the request of Mrs. BOXER, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. CASEY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2126, a bill to launch a national strategy to support regenerative medicine through the establishment of a Regenerative Medicine Coordinating Council, and for other purposes.

S. 2192

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, her name was added as a cosponsor of S. 2192, a bill to amend the National Alzheimer's Project Act to require the Director of the National Institutes of Health to prepare and submit, directly to the President for review and transmittal to Congress, an annual budget estimate (including an estimate of the number and type of personnel needs for the Institutes) for the initiatives of the National Institutes of Health pursuant to such an Act.

At the request of Mrs. SHAHEEN, her name was added as a cosponsor of S. 2192, *supra*.

S. 2206

At the request of Mr. WALSH, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 2206, a bill to streamline the collection and distribution of government information.

S. 2298

At the request of Mrs. SHAHEEN, the name of the Senator from Hawaii (Ms. HIRONO) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2298, a bill to provide for a lifetime National Recreational Pass for any veteran with a service-connected disability, and for other purposes.

S. 2304

At the request of Mr. KIRK, the name of the Senator from Arkansas (Mr. BOOZMAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2304, a bill to amend the charter school program under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965.

S. 2307

At the request of Mrs. BOXER, the names of the Senator from Michigan (Ms. STABENOW) and the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. CASEY) were added as cosponsors of S. 2307, a bill to prevent international violence against women, and for other purposes.

S. 2349

At the request of Ms. HIRONO, her name was added as a cosponsor of S. 2349, a bill to establish a grant program to enable States to promote participation in dual enrollment programs, and for other purposes.

S. 2359

At the request of Mr. FRANKEN, the name of the Senator from Maine (Ms. COLLINS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2359, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to protect and preserve access of Medicare beneficiaries in rural areas to health care providers under the Medicare program, and for other purposes.

S. 2363

At the request of Mrs. HAGAN, the name of the Senator from Kansas (Mr. MORAN) was added as a cosponsor of S.

2363, a bill to protect and enhance opportunities for recreational hunting, fishing, and shooting, and for other purposes.

S. 2366

At the request of Mrs. MURRAY, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. REED) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2366, a bill to amend the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act to establish a permanent, nationwide summer electronic benefits transfer for children program.

S. 2448

At the request of Mrs. HAGAN, the name of the Senator from Iowa (Mr. HARKIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2448, a bill to protect servicemembers in higher education, and for other purposes.

S. RES. 412

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, the name of the Senator from Texas (Mr. CORNYN) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 412, a resolution reaffirming the strong support of the United States Government for freedom of navigation and other internationally lawful uses of sea and airspace in the Asia-Pacific region, and for the peaceful diplomatic resolution of outstanding territorial and maritime claims and disputes.

STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mr. MCCONNELL (for himself and Mr. PAUL):

S. 2512. A bill to establish an emergency transportation safety fund for the reconstruction of bridges along the Interstate Highway System, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, I rise today to introduce the Emergency Interstate Bridge Safety Fund Act, cosponsored by my friend and colleague from Kentucky, Senator PAUL. This bill seeks to authorize additional funding for our Nation's critical transportation infrastructure through spending offsets provided by the repeal of the antiquated Davis-Bacon Act. Last year, the Congressional Budget Office estimated that over 10 years, repealing the Davis-Bacon Act would save the Federal Government some \$13 billion.

Kentucky is home to a number of critical interstate bridges that are in need of replacement, including the Brent Spence Bridge in Northern Kentucky, the I-65 bridge in Louisville, and an I-69 bridge in Henderson. This bill seeks to create a fund to help advance these very types of interstate bridge projects without raising taxes, adding to the deficit, or by authorizing tolling. Federal funding saved through the repeal of the Davis-Bacon Act could be much better spent building a number of interstate bridges that are sorely needed in Kentucky and communities across America. I call on my Senate colleagues to support this

measure to invest in our Nation's critical transportation infrastructure, on which American commerce depends.

Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the text of the bill be printed in the RECORD.

There being no objection, the text of the bill was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

S. 2512

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "Emergency Interstate Bridge Safety Fund Act".

SEC. 2. FINDINGS.

Congress makes the following findings:

(1) The Davis-Bacon Act requires that workers on all federally funded or federally assisted construction projects be paid what is commonly referred to as a prevailing wage, as calculated by the Wage and Hour Division of the Department of Labor.

(2) According to the Congressional Budget Office, if the Davis-Bacon Act were repealed, the Federal Government could save an estimated \$12,700,000,000 in discretionary outlays from 2015 through 2023.

(3) These savings could be redirected to the reconstruction of closed and functionally obsolete bridges along the Interstate Highway System, which would improve highway safety and interstate commerce.

TITLE I—ESTABLISHMENT AND FUNDING

SEC. 101. REPEAL OF DAVIS-BACON ACT OF 1931 WAGE REQUIREMENTS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Subchapter IV of chapter 31 of title 40, United States Code (40 U.S.C. 3141 et seq.), is repealed.

(b) REFERENCE.—Beginning on the date of the enactment of this Act, any reference in any law to a wage requirement under subchapter IV of chapter 31 of title 40, United States Code, shall be null and void.

SEC. 102. EMERGENCY INTERSTATE BRIDGE SAFETY FUND.

(a) ESTABLISHMENT.—There is established in the Treasury of the United States a trust fund to be known as the "Emergency Interstate Bridge Safety Fund".

(b) TRANSFERS TO EMERGENCY INTERSTATE BRIDGE SAFETY FUND.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of the Treasury shall regularly transfer amounts equal to the savings achieved through the repeal of the wage requirements under subsection (a) from the capital budgets of each affected Federal agency to the Emergency Interstate Bridge Safety Fund.

(2) EMERGENCY RELIEF EXPENDITURES.—Section 125(c) of title 23, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the following:

"(3) EMERGENCY INTERSTATE BRIDGE SAFETY FUND.—Amounts deposited into the Emergency Interstate Bridge Safety Fund established under section 102(a) of the Emergency Interstate Bridge Safety Fund Act are authorized to be obligated to carry out, in priority order, the projects on the current list compiled by the Secretary under section 201(b)(1) of such Act that meet the eligibility requirements set forth in subsection (a)."

TITLE II—EMERGENCY INTERSTATE BRIDGE SAFETY PRIORITY LIST

SEC. 201. EMERGENCY INTERSTATE BRIDGE PRI- ORITIES.

(a) LIST.—The Secretary of Transportation, in consultation with a representative sample of State and local government transportation officials, shall compile a prioritized list of emergency interstate bridge projects, which will guide the allocation of funding to the States from the Emer-

gency Interstate Bridge Safety Fund established under section 102.

(b) CRITERIA.—In compiling the list under subsection (a), the Secretary of Transportation, in addition to any other criteria established by the Secretary, shall rank the emergency interstate bridge projects in descending order, beginning with projects that—

(1) are part of the Federal interstate highway system;

(2) involve a bridge that is closed or deemed functionally obsolete by the Federal Highway Administration for safety reasons;

(3) have a significant impact on interstate commerce;

(4) would affect a significant volume of traffic; and

(5) have the greatest overall value to the surrounding community.

(c) REPORT.—Not later than 120 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Transportation shall submit a report to Congress that includes—

(1) a prioritized list of emergency interstate bridge projects to be funded through the Emergency Interstate Bridge Safety Fund; and

(2) a description of the criteria used to establish the list referred to in paragraph (1).

(d) QUARTERLY UPDATES.—Not less frequently than 4 times per year, the Secretary of Transportation shall—

(1) update the report submitted pursuant to subsection (c);

(2) send a copy of the report to Congress; and

(3) make a copy of the report available to the public through the Department of Transportation's website.

SUBMITTED RESOLUTIONS

SENATE RESOLUTION 481—DESIG- NATING THE MONTH OF JUNE 2014 AS "NATIONAL POST-TRAU- MATIC STRESS DISORDER AWARENESS MONTH"

Ms. HEITKAMP (for herself, Mr. HELLER, Mr. BEGICH, Mr. DONNELLY, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mr. BOOKER, Mr. HOEVEN, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. FRANKEN, Mr. WARNER, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mr. JOHANNES, Mr. CASEY, Mr. WALSH, Mr. CRAPO, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota, Mr. CARDIN, and Mr. MERKLEY) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 481

Whereas the brave men and women of the Armed Forces of the United States, who proudly serve the United States, risk their lives to protect the freedom of the people of the United States, and deserve the investment of every possible resource to ensure their lasting physical, mental, and emotional well-being;

Whereas more than 2,600,000 members of the Armed Forces have deployed overseas since the events of September 11, 2001, and have served in places such as Afghanistan and Iraq;

Whereas the Armed Forces of the United States have sustained a historically high operational tempo since September 11, 2001, with many members of the Armed Forces deploying overseas multiple times, placing those members at high risk of post-traumatic stress disorder (referred to in this preamble as "PTSD");

Whereas members of the Armed Forces and veterans who served before September 11, 2001, remain at risk for PTSD and other mental health disorders;

Whereas the Secretary of Veterans Affairs reports that—

(1) since October 2001, more than 310,000 of the approximately 1,000,000 veterans of Operation Enduring Freedom, Operation Iraqi Freedom, and Operation New Dawn who have received health care from the Department of Veterans Affairs have been diagnosed with PTSD;

(2) in fiscal year 2013, more than 530,000 of the nearly 6,000,000 veterans who sought care at Department of Veterans Affairs medical facilities received treatment for PTSD; and

(3) of veterans who served in Operation Enduring Freedom, Operation Iraqi Freedom, and Operation New Dawn who are receiving health care from the Department of Veterans Affairs, more than 570,000 have received a diagnosis for at least 1 mental health disorder;

Whereas many cases of PTSD remain unreported, undiagnosed, and untreated due to a lack of awareness about PTSD and the persistent stigma associated with mental health conditions;

Whereas exposure to military sexual trauma can lead to PTSD;

Whereas PTSD significantly increases the risk of anxiety, depression, suicide, homelessness, and drug- and alcohol-related disorders and deaths, especially if left untreated;

Whereas public perceptions of PTSD or other mental health disorders create unique challenges for veterans seeking employment;

Whereas the Department of Defense and the Department of Veterans Affairs—as well as the larger medical community, both private and public—have made significant advances in the identification, prevention, diagnosis, and treatment of PTSD and the symptoms of PTSD, but many challenges remain;

Whereas increased understanding of PTSD can help diminish the stigma attached to this mental health disorder, and additional efforts are needed to find further ways—including an examination of how PTSD is discussed in the United States—to reduce this stigma; and

Whereas the designation of a National Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder Awareness Month will raise public awareness about issues related to PTSD, reduce the stigma associated with PTSD, and help ensure that those suffering from the invisible wounds of war receive proper treatment: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) designates June 2014, as “National Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder Awareness Month”;

(2) supports the efforts of the Secretary of Veterans Affairs and the Secretary of Defense—as well as the entire medical community—to educate members of the Armed Forces, veterans, the families of members of the Armed Forces and veterans, and the public about the causes, symptoms, and treatment of post-traumatic stress disorder; and

(3) respectfully requests that the Secretary of the Senate transmit a copy of this resolution to the Secretary of Veterans Affairs and the Secretary of Defense.

NOTICE OF HEARING

COMMITTEE ON INDIAN AFFAIRS

Mr. TESTER. Mr. President, I would like to announce that the Committee on Indian Affairs will meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, June 25, 2014, in room SD-628 of the

Dirksen Senate Office Building, at 2:15 p.m., to conduct an oversight hearing entitled “Economic Development: Encouraging Investment in Indian Country.”

Those wishing additional information may contact the Indian Affairs Committee at (202) 224-2251.

NATIONAL POST-TRAUMATIC STRESS DISORDER AWARENESS MONTH

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent the Senate proceed to the consideration of S. Res. 481.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the resolution by title.

The assistant bill clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 481) designating the month of June 2014 as “National Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder Awareness Month.”

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the resolution.

Mr. REID. I ask unanimous consent the resolution be agreed to, the preamble be agreed to, the motions to consider be laid upon the table, with no intervening action or debate.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The resolution (S. Res. 481) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

(The resolution, with its preamble, is printed in today’s RECORD under “Submitted Resolutions.”)

ORDERS FOR TUESDAY, JUNE 24, 2014

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it adjourn until 10 a.m. Tuesday, June 24, 2014; that following the prayer and pledge, the Journal of proceedings be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the time for the two leaders be reserved for their use later in the day; that following any leader remarks, the Senate be in a period of morning business until 11 a.m., with Senators permitted to speak therein for up to 10 minutes each, with the time equally divided and controlled between the two leaders or their designees; and that following morning business the Senate proceed to executive session under the previous order.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

PROGRAM

Mr. REID. There will be five rollcall votes at 11 a.m. tomorrow.

ORDER FOR ADJOURNMENT

Mr. REID. Mr. President, if there is no further business to come before the Senate, I ask unanimous consent it adjourn under the previous order following the 10-minute remarks from the Senator from Arizona Mr. FLAKE.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The Senator from Arizona is recognized.

AIR QUALITY STANDARDS

Mr. FLAKE. Mr. President, I rise today to discuss a matter of importance not just to Arizonans but to the people affected across the country by the Environmental Protection Agency’s continuing overreach. Namely, I want to talk about air quality standards that are quite simply unattainable and those that penalize States where Mother Nature—not smokestacks, not factories, not evil industrialists, just Mother Nature—causes these events that affect air quality.

Let me say from the outset we all love and deserve to have clean air, and when I am discussing these particular concerns I want to be clear that I am not in favor of pollution, dirty air or asthma. Instead what I am in favor of is a little more common sense from the EPA.

It won’t come as any surprise to most people that Arizona is a desert State. We have lots of cactus. We have scorpions. I was stung twice last year. In Arizona, just as in most deserts around the world, we have dust storms. These dust storms are not caused by eroding topsoil or overfarming or man. These are naturally occurring events just like tornadoes or blizzards in other parts of the country. When you live in a naturally dusty State, the dust storms sweep across the desert and across State lines. They can obviously cause local and regional air quality issues. The same goes for living in a forest-fire-prone State, which Arizona also is.

States simply cannot be expected to control these issues. Yet despite adopting an “exceptional events rule” and issuing murky guidance, the EPA still forces States to squander resources on these spikes in air pollutants that are outside anybody’s control, with no actual improvement to air quality.

The EPA’s reviews to prove that spikes in air quality are the result of naturally occurring events are arbitrary, cumbersome, and they are costly. Let me give you an example.

In 2011 and 2012, the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality, the Maricopa County Air Quality Department, and the Maricopa Association of Governments were forced to spend \$675,000 and 790 staff hours to prove to EPA’s satisfaction something that anyone with two eyes could readily see: Dust storms trip the EPA’s air quality sensors—not pollution, dust storms.

The current regulations are entirely up to the EPA’s discretion and they are final and they are not appealable. But in some cases such as those in Arizona, they are a violation of common sense as well.

That is why I am introducing the CLEER Act. The CLEER Act will, among other things, require the EPA’s decisions on those events to be based

on a preponderance of evidence and to accord deference to States' own findings when such an event happens. It will also require the EPA to renew a State's exceptional event documentation within 90 days instead of dragging this process out, and to decide which States with exceptional events will be evaluated.

I am also introducing two other bills: the ORDEAL Act and the Agency PAYGO for Greenhouse Gases Act.

Much credit goes to the EPA for successfully reducing air pollution in the past few decades. This has led to benefits for everyone. But one of the most common pollutants—ozone, dealt with by the ORDEAL Act—has presented a nearly endless supply of redtape for States and municipalities for literally decades. When the EPA reduced its permitted ozone standards in 2008, counties across the country that were in "nonattainment" status were forced to enact expensive and complicated compliance plans.

With scant scientific health bases, the EPA wants to further lower ozone emissions standards. But there are already 221 counties in 27 States that are noncompliant with the present standards. How will lowering these standards even further help these States, communities, and counties comply? Is this EPA's version of double-secret probation?

By some estimates this lowering of ozone standards from 75 parts per billion to 60 parts per billion will cost a whopping \$1 trillion per year from 2020 to 2030. The EPA's own estimate said the proposed standard will cost \$25 billion per year at 70 ppb to \$90 billion per year at 60 ppb. It will cost as many as 7.3 million jobs.

The rationale for further reduction in ozone standards is the potential health

benefits. The EPA consistently fails to meet its 5-year intervals for ozone, which results in lawsuits, bad policy, and poor analysis when the agency is forced by the courts to produce a new standard. My bill, the ORDEAL Act, would provide the EPA more flexibility by doubling the statutory review interval to 10 years. It would also push off any decision on EPA's proposal to tighten the ozone standards until 2018, putting that standard on a more realistic 10-year cycle. This will give businesses more certainty. It will give them a more certain regulatory environment, not a possible change every 5 years. If you can imagine how to plan on a 5-year cycle for standards that are rarely met and have to be adjusted again. It will also give State air quality agencies the time they need to implement their own plans.

Finally, this administration has set its sights on reducing carbon emissions with the most recent attempt being draconian regulations on existing powerplants, despite inevitable job losses and spikes in energy costs.

The Agency PAYGO Act I am introducing would simply give the EPA a taste of its own medicine by requiring the agency to offset the cost of any greenhouse gas rules to an equivalent reduction in agency spending.

If the agency proceeds without offsetting these costs from its own budget, the final greenhouse gas rule must be approved by Congress. This bill specifically forbids the EPA from denying costs to Federal agencies by passing costs on to the Federal agency's ratepayers. If capital costs are imposed by the greenhouse gas rule, the EPA must offset those costs or get Congress's approval.

Specifically this bill will not let underlying agencies—including power

generating agencies such as the Western Power Authority—pass along these costs to consumers.

The modern EPA has a history of implementing increasingly costly and stringent standards for negligible or even questionable benefit. All three of these bills, the CLEER Act, the ORDEAL Act, and the Agency PAYGO Act, provide more certainty than presently exist to States and businesses that have to deal with the EPA and will hold the agency accountable for its decision-making process.

I hope my colleagues will join me in supporting these commonsense measures.

With that, I yield the floor.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 10 A.M. TOMORROW

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the Senate stands adjourned until 10 a.m. tomorrow.

There upon, the Senate, at 7:07 p.m., adjourned until Tuesday, June 24, 2014, at 10 a.m.

NOMINATIONS

Executive nominations received by the Senate:

SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION

CAROLYN WATTS COLVIN, OF MARYLAND, TO BE COMMISSIONER OF SOCIAL SECURITY FOR THE TERM EXPIRING JANUARY 19, 2019, VICE MICHAEL J. ASTRUE, RESIGNED.

IN THE NAVY

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES NAVY TO THE GRADE INDICATED WHILE ASSIGNED TO A POSITION OF IMPORTANCE AND RESPONSIBILITY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 601:

To be admiral

ADM. WILLIAM E. GORTNEY

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

RECOGNIZING THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF JEFFREY MILLER

HON. ALAN GRAYSON

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 23, 2014

Mr. GRAYSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender (LGBT) Pride Month, to recognize Jeffrey Miller.

Jeffrey currently serves as the President of the Holocaust Memorial Research and Education Center of Florida. In 2010, he was instrumental in conceiving and implementing the Upstanders Stand Up to Bullying Initiative. This ongoing and highly recognized program has since been implemented in the public middle schools of Orange, Osceola, and Seminole counties.

The Upstanders Initiative is a multi-year program which has served thousands of Central Florida students by teaching them to safely recognize bullying behavior, report it to teachers, parents, and counselors, and, most importantly, learn "upstander" rather than "bystander" behavior. Jeffrey has been responsible for raising significant amounts of money for the funding of this program through a partnership with David Yurman, the luxury jewelry retailer, as well as by representing the Center before grant-making agencies. In the schools where this program has been implemented, a significant percentage of students have reported that they have learned to identify bullying behavior and are willing to take steps to prevent it. School officials have reported a significant change in the percentage of students who are willing to be "upstanders."

Jeffrey and his husband, Ted Maines, have served as the Co-Chairs of the Holocaust Center Dinner of Tribute in 2012 and 2013 and as Co-Chairs of the 2013 Inaugural Gala for the Orlando Ballet. These events raise significant amounts of money for the operational expenses of the organizations. Jeffrey has served as an Honorary Host for the United Cerebral Palsy fundraising gala in 2014, is on the Host Committee for the Dr. Phillips Center for the Performing Arts Grand Opening in 2014-15, and will once again serve as the Ballet Gala's 2014 Co-Chair. Jeffrey has also served on the Steering Committee of the Equality Florida annual gala and as Chair of the Table Committee for the Hope and Help Headress Ball.

Jeffrey and Ted have hosted fund raisers in their home for the Orlando Ballet and Planned Parenthood, as well as numerous political fund raisers, including the Orange County Democratic Executive Committee Spring fund raiser in 2012. Jeffrey has been consistently named to the 50 Most Powerful list by Orlando Magazine. Together with Ted, has also been recognized as the Number One Power Couple by that publication—the first gay couple to achieve that recognition.

Jeffrey is a member of and contributor to the Human Rights Campaign Federal Club,

the Gift of Life Circle for Hope and Help of Central Florida, and the Acquisition Trust of the Orlando Museum of Art. In addition to the Holocaust Center, Jeffrey has served on the Board of the GLBT Community Center of Central Florida and as Treasurer of Temple Israel.

I am happy to honor Jeffrey Miller, during LGBT Pride Month, for his work on behalf of youth and the arts as well as his outstanding civic engagement in the Central Florida community.

RECOGNIZING THE CAREER OF CHIEF MIKE DAVIS

HON. DEREK KILMER

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 23, 2014

Mr. KILMER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the City of Gig Harbor, Washington's Chief of Police, Mike Davis, for his many years of public service to our community.

Chief Davis's career is evidence of his commitment to serving the community. Davis joined the Kitsap County Sheriff's Department nearly 30 years ago on July 1, 1984. During his time in Kitsap County, he served as a corporal, sergeant, undersheriff, and sheriff.

Serving as Gig Harbor's Police Chief since 2004, Davis has been an invaluable resource to our community and has dedicated himself to ensuring the safety of all residents. Under his tenure, Davis has helped the department upgrade and streamline vital technology, has maintained the department's response time of less than four minutes, and has bridged the gap with the community by encouraging the department's customer-service directed model. With his upcoming retirement, he succeeds in being the longest-serving police chief in the city of Gig Harbor's history.

Davis has gone above and beyond to make our community a better place. In his work as a D.A.R.E. officer in the Kitsap County Sheriff's department, he worked to prevent drug abuse among the area's youth. As Police Chief of the Gig Harbor Police Department, Davis established the Jaycox Police Benevolent Fund. In addition to helping Project Safe Harbor and the department's Citizens Offering Police Support program, the Jaycox Fund provides scholarships to high school seniors who strive to work in criminal justice one day.

Davis has dedicated himself to serving his community, and as someone who lives in that community and who is raising two little girls, I'm enormously grateful for that. He will retire on June 30, 2014, after protecting our region for exactly 30 years. Despite his retirement, Davis's work will remain an inspiration in the years to come.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to close by again applauding Davis for his dedication to serving the people of Kitsap County and Gig Harbor. He is an extraordinary first responder and a great American. I am honored to recognize his service today in the United States Congress.

IN RECOGNITION OF CALIFORNIA CHROME

HON. JOHN GARAMENDI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 23, 2014

Mr. GARAMENDI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize California Chrome and his team for their outstanding performance in the 2014 Kentucky Derby, Preakness, and Belmont Stakes.

California Chrome was the winner of the Kentucky Derby on May 3 and the Preakness on May 17, and had an excellent showing at the Belmont Stakes on June 7, where he tied for fourth place. His family, Perry and Denise Martin reside in Yuba City, which is in my district. I am proud to have them as constituents.

The Martins bought California Chrome's mother for only \$8,000, a bargain by horse racing standards, and the horse's success is a true "rags-to-riches" story. The Martins conducted thorough research in selecting the dam, Love the Chase, which further contributed to California Chrome's success. California Chrome inspired thousands of fans and brought a renewed sense of excitement to the races. His success shows us that no matter our background, we can rise to greatness with a little bit of luck and a lot of hard work.

His family has also made a number of important contributions to California and our entire nation. Perry Martin has worked on electronic failure analysis and environmental quality testing at McClellan business park north of Sacramento for more than a decade. He is the author of a 500-page textbook titled "Electronic Failure Analysis Handbook" and has briefed Congress and the Air Force Chief of Staff regarding avionics and weapons systems.

Congratulations to California Chrome, his jockey Victor Espinoza, trainer Art Sherman, the Martin family, and their co-owner Steve Coburn. California Chrome is a source of pride for California's 3rd Congressional District and I look forward to seeing all that he accomplishes in the future.

IN RECOGNITION OF HARWICH MIDDLE SCHOOL'S STRIDES IN ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENTALISM

HON. WILLIAM R. KEATING

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 23, 2014

Mr. KEATING. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the efforts of Harwich Middle School's environmental group, Harwich Cares.

The forty members of Harwich Cares have spent the past year educating their peers and the Harwich community about ways to reduce their energy consumption. Their efforts have included a community cleanup, an energy-efficient light bulb sale and giveaway, and visits

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to the Massachusetts Maritime Academy and Covanta SEMASS to learn more about renewable energy. Most recently, these kids presented two day-long energy carnivals for students of the Harwich and Chatham Elementary Schools.

This year, Harwich Cares won first place in Massachusetts and second place in the U.S. in the National Youth Awards Program for Energy Achievement. As such, they attended the National Energy Education Development Project's awards program in Washington, DC this past weekend.

It is truly inspiring to see a group of passionate young people educating their community and working towards a greener future. Finding cleaner sources of energy should be a national priority, and I am proud that such important strides are being made on Cape Cod.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in recognizing the educators and students of Harwich Middle School on their community education and leadership on environmental issues.

IN RECOGNITION OF SHERYL
YOUNG

HON. JACKIE SPEIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 23, 2014

Ms. SPEIER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize an extraordinary leader in San Mateo County. Sheryl Young, Chief Executive Officer of Community Gatepath, is retiring after 26 years of remarkable service to the special needs community. Sheryl is a leading ambassador for individuals with special needs in San Mateo, San Francisco and Santa Clara counties and one of the most thoughtful, generous and creative women I know. I feel extremely fortunate to count her as one of my closest friends and a member of the yoga girls. Sheryl first joined the organization as a volunteer, then known as Poplar Center, and quickly discovered she found her life's calling.

In 1988, the nonprofit provided direct services to 370 individuals, had a modest budget of \$1 million and a workforce of only 20 professionals. Since then, Sheryl has overseen remarkable growth at the agency as it now serves more than 9,000 individuals, has a budget of \$12.4 million and employs 175 directors, managers and professionals.

For more than 95 years, Community Gatepath has provided programs, support services, education, and information for the special needs community. Sheryl and her staff are dedicated to making their motto more than just words. These good people have their hearts committed to "Turning Disabilities into Possibilities." Sheryl's significant accomplishments include the launch and completion of a \$5 million capital campaign; the development of Learning Links Preschool—San Mateo County's first inclusive preschool; and the creation and launch of AbilityPath.org—a first-of-its-kind online resource and social network for parents, families, and providers that was voted best online special needs community by users of About.com in 2012. Sheryl was the only invited guest focused on children with special needs at the Federal Partners in Bullying Prevention event in 2012 that was sponsored by the U.S. Department of Education. Sheryl was also selected to participate in Harvard Busi-

ness School's Strategic Perspectives in Non-profit Management program.

As proof of Sheryl's standing in our community, "The Sheryl Young Community Impact Award" has been established to pay tribute to persons, businesses and organizations that make an impact in their community by helping people with disabilities.

Sheryl is a graduate of the Stanford University Graduate School of Business Executive Program for Non-Profit Leaders. She also earned a Masters of Public Health from the University of California at Berkeley, a Master's Degree in Special Education from Ball State University and a Bachelor's Degree in Political Science from Purdue University.

I first met Sheryl when she worked for the County of San Mateo. A friend of mine gave birth to a child with Down syndrome and was told by her doctors that she would be unable to raise the girl and was urged to turn her over to a residential treatment center. Sheryl advocated on behalf of the infant and found a suitable program at Poplar Center to assist the family. Sheryl was so impressed with the program at Poplar Center that she stayed involved. Shortly thereafter, Sheryl's heart and head convinced her to leave county government and accept an offer to lead Poplar Center.

Little did I know that this first encounter with Sheryl would lead to a lifetime friendship. I find inspiration in her leadership style and her entrepreneurial spirit within the non-profit community. In her retirement, Sheryl is primed to continue her world travels, read and hike more and is delightfully planning her daughter's wedding, with dreams of becoming a grandma. Her co-workers will miss her energy, warmth and ability to think outside the box. They will miss her daily example of unconditional love toward her clients and friends.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in thanking Sheryl Young for being a public servant extraordinaire. Sheryl has changed lives for the better, including my own.

RECOGNIZING THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF JASON LAMBERT

HON. ALAN GRAYSON

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 23, 2014

Mr. GRAYSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender (LGBT) Pride Month, to recognize Jason Lambert. Jason has been a small business owner in downtown Orlando for over ten years and has been involved with local politics and community fundraising since 2004. He has owned bars and restaurants in downtown Orlando, Thornton Park, and Ivanhoe Village, which, for over a decade, has enabled him to host fundraising and special events.

In 2005, Jason was honored to have been one of the founding members of the Human Rights Campaign (HRC) Orlando Steering Committee. Since that time, he has served on the Board of Governors for over six years. He was also the Federal Club co-chair for over two years, during which time the Orlando Steering Committee was awarded "Federal Club of the Year" by the HRC. He also co-chaired the annual "COOK Orlando" event for three years, one of the signature fundraising events for the local community.

One of his proudest moments with HRC was when he ran the Marine Corps Marathon in Washington D.C. as an HRC Athlete for Equality in 2012, just one year after the historic repeal of Don't Ask, Don't Tell. In addition to HRC, Jason also contributes to and supports the Democratic Party, Planned Parenthood, Libby's Legacy Breast Cancer Foundation, Equality Florida, Come Out with Pride, and the Metropolitan Business Association (MBA).

Most recently, his newest business was recognized as the "2014 Small Business of the Year" by the MBA. He currently serves on the Ivanhoe Village Main Street Board as the Promotions Chair and was recently asked to be on the board of The Barber Fund, a local organization that helps people living with cancer. He lives with his partner Joe and their two dogs Logan and Blue.

I am happy to honor Jason Lambert, during LGBT Pride Month, for his contributions to the LGBT and Central Florida community.

RECOGNIZING THE OUTSTANDING
WORK OF TODD ALLEN AND
KEMAL PASAMEHMETOGLU

HON. MICHAEL K. SIMPSON

OF IDAHO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 23, 2014

Mr. SIMPSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the work of Deputy Laboratory Director Todd Allen and Associate Laboratory Director Kemal Pasamehmetoglu, two of the Idaho National Laboratory's leaders in nuclear energy research and development. On June 17, 2014, The American Nuclear Society's Materials Science and Technology Division honored these two Idaho National Laboratory leaders with achievement awards at the American Nuclear Society meeting in Reno, Nevada. The awards were presented at the American Nuclear Society Embedded Topical meeting on Nuclear Fuels and Structural Materials.

Kemal Pasamehmetoglu, Idaho National Laboratory's Associate Laboratory Director for Nuclear Science & Technology was honored as the 2013 recipient of its Special Achievement Award. The division's most prestigious award recognizes international leadership in establishing a science-based approach to nuclear fuel development and seminal contributions to the nuclear materials area.

Todd Allen, Idaho National Laboratory's Deputy Laboratory Director for Science & Technology, was honored as the 2012 recipient of the Outstanding Achievement Award for his leadership and many contributions to nuclear materials area.

Our nation needs to continue investing in research and development to enhance economic prosperity, energy security and US leadership. While researchers like Todd Allen and Kemal Pasamehmetoglu have come to the Idaho National Laboratory to use unique equipment and facilities to push nuclear technology forward, they are also leading teams of talented men and women to accelerate American innovation. It is appropriate that the American Nuclear Society has recognized Drs. Allen and Pasamehmetoglu for their technical contributions, and I would like to offer my own thanks to Todd and Kemal for their great work.

#BRINGBACKOURBOYS

HON. FRANK R. WOLF

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 23, 2014

Mr. WOLF. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to bring to your attention an incident that happened last week in Israel, a situation being referred to internationally as “#BringBackOurBoys.” On June 12, three teenage Israeli students, Gil-Ad Shaer, Eyal Yifrah and Naftali Fraenkel, disappeared from a hitchhiking point a little south of Jerusalem, Israel. While no group has come forward to take responsibility for this action, the Israeli government has pointed fingers at Hamas. As you know, Mr. Speaker, Hamas, a radical Islamist party, first came to power following the Palestinian legislative elections in 2006, defeating the former ruling party, Fatah. The Israeli Defense Forces (IDF) has arrested over 200 suspects, most of them Hamas members, over the past week. In addition to these arrests, they have expanded their search in hopes to retrieve these abducted boys.

People all over the world have gathered together, to express their concerns for these boys and their families. Many rallies have taken place outside of various World Cup arenas in hopes of bringing media attention to this important issue. A mass rally has been planned for next Tuesday, June 24th, outside of the Israeli Consulate in New York.

This past week, on Wednesday June 18, the Jewish Community Relations Council of Greater Washington, the Jewish Federation of Greater Washington, and The Israel Forever Foundation co-sponsored a vigil outside the Israeli Embassy in Washington D.C. Over 250 members of the community gathered to chant and listen to speakers of many different faiths reiterating the need for these boys to be returned to their families safely. Rabbi Adam Raskin of Congregation Har Shalom in Potomac, Maryland said “They are our kids. This is a kidnapping from our family,” asking “Can you imagine the anguish and the pain of their parents?” This is an issue that we must continue to put pressure on, in order to return these boys to their families.

As another Sabbath passes, my thoughts and prayers are with the families of these young men. We remain hopeful for the immediate safe return of these students. Mr. Speaker, everyone in this country, regardless of their individual faith, needs to be mindful of the words Presbyterian Minister Roy Howard of St. Marks Church in North Bethesda, Maryland spoke at this week’s rally at the Israeli Embassy here in Washington: “We are united with Israel, the Jewish people; they are not my boys, but I stand in solidarity with you.”

HONORING THOMAS AND
CHRISTINA MORZELLO**HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 23, 2014

Mr. ENGEL. Mr. Speaker, in recognition of the 50th wedding anniversary of Thomas and

Christina Morzello of Valhalla, New York, who were married on June 28, 1964. Tom and Dina were married at St. Anthony’s Church in West Harrison, NY. Tom graduated from White Plains High School in 1959 and was drafted into the Army where he spent two years as motor pool driver. Following his honorable discharge, he began a 35 year career as an electrician. After her graduation from White Plains High School in 1963, Dina attended Berkley Secretarial School and gained employment as a Secretary for General Foods. After having four children, she began a 25 year career as a teacher for the White Plains School District. Tom enjoys riding his motorcycle and is an active member of the Westchester Harley Owner Group (HOG). Dina enjoys gardening, scrapbooking and spending time with her grandchildren.

Tom and Dina must be commended for their loyalty and dedication to their family. Tom and Dina have proven, by their example, to be a model for all married couples.

I proudly ask you to join me, along with Tom and Dina’s four sons and their wives, six grandchildren, and many friends and family, in congratulating them on this significant occasion and wishing them many more years of happiness together.

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE
APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2015

SPEECH OF

HON. LOIS FRANKEL

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 18, 2014

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 4870) making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2015, and for other purposes:

Ms. FRANKEL of Florida. Mr. Chair, I rise today to highlight an important provision that was included in H.R. 4870, the Department of Defense Appropriations Act of 2015, which could help my constituent, Debbie Zelman, along with thousands of others like her with stomach cancer.

Five years ago, Debbie was diagnosed with Stage IV stomach cancer. While the doctor gave her only a 50/50 chance to live after one year, Debbie is still with us, fighting one of the deadliest forms of cancer.

Debbie is not alone in her battle. Every year, 21,000 Americans are diagnosed with stomach cancer, and it is the second leading cause of cancer deaths for women in this country.

To help Debbie and others affected by this horrible cancer, I, along with 57 of my colleagues, requested from the Appropriations Committee that stomach cancer research become eligible for funding through the Defense Department’s Peer Reviewed Research Program (PRCRP) for 2015.

The PRCRP funds research into eleven cancer types, including blood cancer, colorectal cancer, and pancreatic cancer. Adding stomach cancer to the list of eligible diseases could make an enormous difference in

understanding this under-researched cancer, including its array of risk factors and causes.

I’m proud that the House Defense Appropriations bill includes report language to allow stomach cancer research to be funded through this Research Program. I look forward to working with my colleagues to ensure that the Senate passes this important language as well.

By taking this step, we will be able to better understand this deadly disease, and, hopefully, get closer to finding a much-needed cure.

RECOGNIZING THE CONTRIBUTIONS
OF JOHN DANIEL
RUFFIER**HON. ALAN GRAYSON**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 23, 2014

Mr. GRAYSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender (LGBT) Pride Month, to recognize John Daniel Ruffier.

John was born May 21, 1971 in Orlando, Florida to Eugene Daniel Ruffier and Joan Dial Ruffier. He is their third child, along with William Eugene (“Bill”) and Margaret Grace. John is a product of Orange County public schools, having attended Lake Silver Elementary, Lee Junior High, and Edgewater High School before going on to Vanderbilt University, where he graduated with a Bachelor of the Arts Degree in English and History in 1992. Ruffier then attended the University of Florida’s Fredric G. Levin College of Law. Upon graduation in 1996, John joined Orlando’s largest and most prestigious law firm, Lowndes, Drosdick, Doster, Kantor & Reed, P.A., where he remains a shareholder specializing in commercial real estate, with a focus on assisting clients with the acquisition, financing, and sale of senior housing communities and medical office buildings. John also works with governmental and non-profit institutions in forming partnerships for large-scale redevelopment projects. John has earned the highest rating of “AV” from Martindale-Hubbell for his legal skills.

John has an extensive record of public service with community service organizations in Central Florida and has served on the board of directors for many groups, such as the Hope and Help Center of Central Florida, the Orlando Shakespeare Theater, and the Central Florida Coalition for the Homeless. He also served on the City of Orlando Public Art Advisory Board for many years. In 2007, John was appointed by then-governor Charlie Crist to the Florida Real Estate Commission, where he served until 2011. John, along with Jennifer Foster, founded the Central Florida steering committee for the Human Rights Campaign (HRC) and, after having served on HRC’s national board of governors for many years, joined the board of directors for HRC’s non-profit foundation in 2011.

I am happy to honor John Daniel Ruffier, during LGBT Pride Month, for his professional and civic contributions to the Central Florida community.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. GARY C. PETERS

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 23, 2014

Mr. PETERS of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, on Tuesday June 17, 2014 I was not present for 2 votes. I wish the record to reflect my intentions had I been present to vote.

Had I been present for rollcall No. 313, I would have voted "yea."

Had I been present for rollcall No. 314, I would have voted "yea."

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE
APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2015

SPEECH OF

HON. RUSH HOLT

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 18, 2014

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 4870) making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2015, and for other purposes:

Mr. HOLT. Mr. Chair, I rise in opposition to this bill.

Let me begin by acknowledging the enormous work that went into bringing a bill of this scope to the floor. It contains a number of provisions I support, including a 1.8% pay increase for our troops and other measures designed to improve the lives of our servicemembers and their families. I am particularly grateful for the committee's inclusion of nearly \$40 million above the President's request for suicide prevention and outreach activities, and twice what I and 100 of my House colleagues had requested earlier this year. I am also grateful for the committee's acceptance of an amendment I offered that mandates a study on the potential relationship between financial stress and suicide among members of the military. In March 2014, we suffered no combat deaths but lost 700 servicemembers and veterans to suicide. We have to end this epidemic, and I hope these additional investments and this study will help bring about that outcome.

Moreover, this bill now contains important reforms to our nation's surveillance practices. Three amendments that I either offered or cosponsored were attached to this bill, and they are worth discussing in some detail.

My first amendment would set aside \$2 million to expand the Intelligence Community Whistleblowing and Source Protection Directorate, which provides employees of the National Security Agency (NSA), the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA), and other intelligence agencies with a safe, legal, and secure way to report abusive or unlawful practices. The amendment passed unanimously.

Currently, this office is literally a one-man operation. Given the fact that there are tens of thousands of federal employees and contractors who work for Intelligence Community elements, it is simply not realistic to expect one person to be able effectively to receive and investigate large numbers of valid complaints from conscientious internal whistleblowers

through, no matter how talented. Because of the secrecy of the intelligence community, oversight is impossible without the participation of employees inside the system who know about activities of the agencies. This amendment will help ensure that all employees and contractors in the IC know where and how they should lawfully report potential incidents of waste, fraud, abuse, criminal conduct or whistleblower retaliation.

The second amendment, offered with Rep. ALAN GRAYSON (FL-09), would prohibit funds from being used to subvert or interfere with the integrity of a cryptographic standard proposed, developed, or adopted by National Institute of Standards and Technology. Last year, published reports indicated that NSA had slipped language into an encryption standard published by the National Institute of Standards and Technology that created a "back door" that NSA—as well as foreign intelligence services or malicious hackers—could exploit. The Holt/Grayson amendment would prohibit that practice and passed unanimously. The last thing the NSA should be doing is weakening encryption standards. This amendment is one of many steps we need to take to prohibit such conduct in the future.

The third amendment, offered by me and Reps. JIM SENSENBRENNER, Jr. (WI-05), ZOE LOFGREN (CA-19), THOMAS MASSIE (KY-04), JOHN CONYERS, Jr. (MI-13), TED POE (TX-02), TULSI GABBARD (HI-02), JIM JORDAN (OH-04), BETO O'ROURKE (TX-16), JUSTIN AMASH (MI-03), JERROLD NADLER (NY-10), TOM PETRI (WI-6), SUZAN DELBENE (WA-01), BLAKE FARENTHOLD (TX-27), G. K. BUTTERFIELD (NC-01), and MARK SANFORD (SC-01) would end two abusive surveillance practices revealed in recent months.

First, the amendment would prohibit any warrantless search of the so-called "702 databases"—the massive government databases, created by the NSA and first disclosed by Edward Snowden, that contain records of the emails and phone calls of millions of innocent U.S. citizens.

One of the predictions I and others made in 2008 when Section 702 of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Amendments Act became law was that NSA would misuse the law for the "reverse targeting" of Americans' communications while collecting against foreigners. As we now know, that is exactly what happened, and those communications—billions of phone calls, emails, text messages and the like—sit on National Security Agency servers, available for search without a warrant. This amendment would bar the NSA from using any funds in this act to conduct any warrantless search of stored communications of Americans collected under Sec. 702 of FISA, thus protecting the privacy and Constitutional rights of all Americans.

Second, the amendment would prohibit the NSA and Central Intelligence Agency CIA from installing "backdoors"—such as malicious software or hardware—into commercially produced products. This provision was originally contained in my Surveillance State Repeal Act, H.R. 2818. Despite efforts by the House leadership to derail the amendment, it passed by a large bipartisan majority of 293–123.

This amendment makes a loud and clear point: It's time to stop treating Americans as suspects first and citizens second.

Unfortunately, despite the many good and important things contained in H.R. 4870, this

bill continues to make the wrong choices for the wrong reasons. The overall spending would be almost \$600 billion, a level that is impossible to justify in terms of the threats to the U.S. or in terms of spending by other countries, including potential adversaries. This bill would spend another \$10 billion on a failed missile defense system that has not been, and will not be, ever be viable. The so-called "overseas contingency operations" fund—the money that fuels the war in Afghanistan and our combat activities elsewhere in the world—is set at nearly \$80 billion dollars, and a large slice of that money will be used to continue an American military presence into 2015 and possibly beyond. It includes hundreds of millions of dollars for research on a new nuclear bomber design. And taking the prize for defense-related corporate welfare is the beleaguered F-35 program. Congressional Quarterly reports that the full cost of the program may exceed \$1.5 trillion dollars over its lifetime. That is more than we will spend on the entire federal government in the coming year. There are vastly cheaper alternatives that would still provide the United States with a first-rate modern fighter-bomber. Instead, this bill throws still more good money after bad.

I am not comfortable with vast sums of money this bill will waste on weapons we don't need and wars we should not be fighting. But I am also not comfortable allowing the National Security Agency to continue collecting and exploiting the communications of tens of millions of innocent Americans. Accordingly, it is with mixed feelings I oppose passage of this bill and I urge my colleagues to do likewise.

IN HONOR OF DR. GLORIA D.
JONES**HON. SANFORD D. BISHOP, JR.**

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 23, 2014

Mr. BISHOP of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, it is with a heavy heart that I rise today to pay tribute to an outstanding and truly one of a kind woman, Dr. Gloria D. Jones. Sadly, Dr. Jones passed away on Saturday, June 14, 2014. A funeral service will be held on Saturday, June 21, 2014 at 11:00 a.m. at Disciples of Jesus Ministries in Thomasville, Georgia.

Dr. Gloria D. Jones was born on February 27, 1954 in Columbus, Ohio. As the second of three daughters, Dr. Jones was constantly striving to forge her own identity in her youth. Growing up at the height of the Civil Rights Movement, she was greatly influenced to fight for what was right. Her experiences during this time led her to question authority, and to measure her success only by her own grade. As she watched her father struggle to recover from alcoholism throughout his life, she developed a passion for helping others overcome addictive behavior. Dr. Jones considered this a meaningful experience that influenced her practice as a leading therapist in her field of substance abuse counseling.

Gloria's steadfast determination held true throughout her academic career. She was able to graduate high school in only three years, and attended a local college to pursue a degree in Physical Education. She went on to earn numerous other degrees, including a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology from Columbia

University, a Master of Arts in Health Care Management from Webster College, and a Ph.D. in Clinical Psychology from Capella University.

Dr. Jones served in the U.S. Air Force for four years and held the position of Executive Secretary for Martin Marietta Aerospace Center in Denver, Colorado. In Thomasville, she worked as a Mental Health Intake Specialist with Archbold Memorial Hospital and as a Child and Adolescent Coordinator for Georgia Pines Mental Health Center. She was a certified national addiction counselor and a clinical supervisor for the state of Georgia.

Her crowning achievement, however, was the Heritage Foundation Inc., which she founded in 1989 in Thomasville, Georgia. This organization came about from a community outreach program which she designed and established to teach disenfranchised, primarily African-American youth about their rich cultural heritage. During the course of this work, she discovered the socioeconomic and psychosocial issues rooted in these communities, which led her to create the foundation to help young people overcome these challenges. Through her position as Executive Director, she was able to directly influence change in the community. Her vision and determination has bettered the lives of countless individuals and families as she developed more than ten treatment programs for addictive disorders, child and adolescent mental health services and prevention programs.

Dr. Jones was also very active politically on the local, state, and national levels. She was instrumental in organizing many voter registration, voter education and voter participation programs, promoting political empowerment in the region. She and her devoted husband, Dr. Leon Jones, were longtime supporters of mine and I count myself very fortunate to have had the benefit of their advice, counsel and hard work.

Dr. Jones was known as a community activist, educator, counselor, wife, mother, grandmother, and author. However, all of these titles could be summed up under the title of "trailblazer." She pioneered and championed for subjugated youths, and cleared a path to a better future for them through her work.

George Washington Carver once said, No individual has any right to come into the world and go out of it without leaving behind distinct and legitimate reasons for having passed through it." We are all so blessed that Dr. Jones passed this way and during her life's journey did so much for so many for so long. She leaves behind a great legacy in service to her beloved family and to all those whose lives she touched and nurtured. She will truly be missed.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me and my wife Vivian in extending our deepest sympathies to Dr. Jones' loving husband of 36 years, Dr. Leon Jones, nine children, sixteen grandchildren, two great-grandchildren, and a host of other family, friends and loved ones during this difficult time. We pray that they will be consoled and comforted by an abiding faith and the Holy Spirit in the days, weeks and months ahead.

IN RECOGNITION OF DAN BANKS

HON. JACKIE SPEIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 23, 2014

Ms. SPEIER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Dan Banks on the occasion of his 80th birthday. No matter what Dan takes on—professional or personal—he always gives it 110 percent. Take for example his third century bike ride he completed in May to celebrate his birthday: 100 miles through Napa County. He also continues his quest to become a Life Master at bridge. Dan's endurance and determination are awe-inspiring.

I've had the great honor and pleasure to call Dan and his wife Cynthia Schuman my treasured friends for more than a dozen years. Their wit, warmth and generosity enrich my life every day.

Dan was born in Sri Lanka and when he was seven years old his family moved to Madras, India, where his father worked for Standard Oil. They returned to Nashville, Tennessee, his mother's home, in 1941 during World War II.

Dan graduated from Sewanee Military Academy, earned his BA in History and English from Yale, became a member of the coveted and secretive Skull & Bones Society, completed his training with the United States Marine Corps, and finally earned his MBA at Stanford University in 1961. He spent two years in the Marine Corps as a First Lieutenant and was stationed in Japan. While going back and forth to Asia his eyes were opened to San Francisco where he landed his first real job as an assistant buyer for Macy's. He met his first wife Sandra at Macy's and she helped him make it through business school at Stanford.

Dan is a thoughtful and ethical man. He pursued a successful career as an investment banker in San Francisco and hasn't left the city since. Dan fondly remembers raising money for corporate clients through public offerings, private placements, mergers and acquisitions. The act of raising money to fund an expanding business is a key step in creating jobs. Dan understood his role in creating opportunities for all. He points out that investment banking then was not what it became in the 90s. The deals and fees were much smaller, he says. "My favorite client, Nordstrom's, initial public offering was \$21 million, not the hundreds of millions one might expect today. After a long and productive career, he retired in 1993.

The 1980s were a difficult time for Dan and his family. Sandra was diagnosed with breast cancer and died in 1989. He calls that period a bookend to that phase of his life, but it also brought new beginnings.

In 1991, Dan met his wonderful wife Cynthia and they married the following year. Dan has always valued the arts and developed a deep appreciation for opera while he was stationed in Okinawa. He invested a tremendous amount of energy and passion into his role as a Trustee of the Asian Art Museum in San Francisco for eight years.

For the last two decades Cynthia and he have focused on their beautiful family of their four children—Pamela Banks Joyce, Tom Banks, Darrell Benatar and Denise Benatar—and eight grandchildren—Colin, Sandra, Mi-

chael, Taylor, Isabel, Maya, Trevor and Parker. It is best to cite Dan's own words to illustrate his optimism and outlook on life. "We live in one of the most beautiful places on earth," he says, "surrounded by those who love us and thank our lucky stars for each successive day."

Mr. Speaker, I ask the House of Representatives to rise with me to honor Dan Banks, an extraordinary man. I thank my lucky stars for his wisdom and friendship each successive day.

RECOGNIZING THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF MALLORY GARNER-WELLS

HON. ALAN GRAYSON

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 23, 2014

Mr. GRAYSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender (LGBT) Pride Month, to recognize Mallory Garner-Wells.

Mallory has worked at Equality Florida, Florida's statewide LGBT organization for nearly 10 years, where she serves as the organization's full time lobbyist in Tallahassee during legislative session. In 2008, Mallory played an integral role in passing the anti-bully bill in addition to blocking an amendment that would have prevented gay Floridians from adopting overseas. The following year, she helped to organize the Rally in Tally for LGBT Equality, the first LGBT rally at the Capitol in over 10 years. She has contributed to the passing of over 120 pro-equality local policies throughout the state of Florida.

Mallory has also served on the national Young People 4 Steering Committee, where she received an award for Youth Mobilization. She has been named one of the "Top 25 Leaders under 25" by Watermark magazine and one of The Advocate's "40 Under 40" in May 2012.

Mallory is a graduate of the University of Central Florida, where she received a degree in Political Science. While pursuing her undergraduate degree, she served as both the President of the Florida Collegiate Pride Coalition and as a board member for the Gay, Lesbian, and Bisexual Student Union (GLBSU).

I am happy to honor Mallory Garner-Wells, during LGBT Pride Month, for her contributions to the LGBT community in Florida.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. KAY GRANGER

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 23, 2014

Ms. GRANGER. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 311, due to a previously scheduled constituent event in my district, I was not able to be present for this vote.

Had I been present, I would have voted "yea."

OUR UNCONSCIONABLE NATIONAL DEBT

HON. MIKE COFFMAN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 23, 2014

Mr. COFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, on January 20, 2009, the day President Obama took office, the national debt was \$10,626,877,048,913.08.

Today, it is \$17,532,488,016,268.40. We've added \$6,905,610,967,355.40 to our debt in 5 years. This is over \$6.9 trillion in debt our nation, our economy, and our children could have avoided with a balanced budget amendment.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. CORRINE BROWN

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 23, 2014

Ms. BROWN of Florida. Mr. Speaker, on Friday, June 20, 2014, I mistakenly voted "aye" on rollcall vote 334. I meant to vote "no."

I support all forms of energy, including biofuels and agree with the vast majority of Americans who agree that we must diversify our fuel supplies with alternatives to oil. The list of auto makers embracing biodiesel continues to grow, and currently all major U.S. engine manufacturers support blends of up to 5 percent, while more than three-quarters support 20 percent blends in at least some of their engines. Many engine manufacturers are now actively promoting their positive positions on biodiesel blends (Ford, for example, now uses a B20 logo on heavy-duty diesel trucks.)

A few years ago, Americans were filling up their cars at record prices—60, 80, 100 dollars a tank—and looking to Washington to see what could be done. To see what we could do to replace a crippling oil addiction with the energy technology this challenge demands, and our nation deserves. To relieve the strain on their budgets and their families not ten years from now—but now.

Our government and military need to work toward the goal of including biofuels in their vast array of energy products. I support the military, I support the environment but I do not support this amendment.

RECOGNIZING THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF PAT PADILLA

HON. ALAN GRAYSON

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 23, 2014

Mr. GRAYSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender (LGBT) Pride Month, to recognize Pat Padilla. After conversations with a gay colleague some years ago, Pat realized how unaware she was concerning the struggles and inequality faced by the LGBT community and their loved ones. Shortly afterwards, she discovered the local Orlando/Central Florida chapter of Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbian and Gays (PFLAG), which

has led her on an extraordinary journey of grassroots advocacy and activism. Working with the LGBT community and allies over the years has, in turn, enriched her life in so many ways.

As a straight ally, she served as president of PFLAG Orlando/Central Florida chapter for 11 years. She also served as a member the Equality Florida Board of Directors for 8 years. Equality Florida is the largest civil rights organization dedicated to securing full equality for Florida's gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender community.

Since 2001, she has been a member of Orlando Anti-Discrimination Organization (OADO). OADO has been responsible for passing various LGBT inclusive Human Rights Ordinances (HRO) and Domestic Partnership Registries (DPR) in both Orlando and Orange County, Florida.

In 2009, Pat received the Orlando Metropolitan Business Organization 'Debbie Simmons Community Service Award'. Pat is passionate about increasing awareness and understanding of LGBT individuals, especially youth and "transgender" individuals. This passion led to her involvement with Zebra Coalition and Orlando Youth Alliance. Over time, she has compiled a wealth of information including individuals, organizations, and resources for LGBT persons needing assistance. This information has become a vital asset for various organizations.

Pat holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration from the University of Central Florida. For the past 15 years, Pat has worked for Symantec Corporation in both sales and support services roles. She leads the global LGBT Employee Resource Group, SymPRIDE. In 2007, she initiated a change to the Symantec diversity policy to include "transgender". Along with SymPRIDE, she is also a member of SWAN (Symantec Women's Action Network) and HOLA (Hispanic Outreach and Leadership Affinity).

Pat lived in Venezuela for 10 years, where she had the gratifying experience of working with Mother Teresa and as a translator for the Missionaries of Charity.

I am happy to honor Pat Padilla, during LGBT Pride Month, for her compassion for and service to the LGBT community in Central Florida.

RECOGNIZING THE RAPPAHANNOCK LADY RAIDERS STATE CHAMPION SOFTBALL TEAM

HON. ROBERT J. WITTMAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 23, 2014

Mr. WITTMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the outstanding feat achieved by the Rappahannock Lady Raiders softball team with their victory in the Division 1A Virginia High School League Championship.

The Lady Raiders earned the 1A State Softball Championship title in an impressive 5-0 game with the William Campbell Lady Generals, winning their first State Championship in the program's history.

During their historical championship season, the Lady Raiders secured an impressive record of 22-3, a testament to the team's commitment to performing at the highest level each and every time they stepped on the field.

I would like to commend head coach Ellen Gaines and all those who are involved with the Lady Raiders for building this successful softball program into a championship winning team.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to stand today to recognize the school, the coaches, the fans, and most importantly, the players on their successful season and victory in the 1A State Championship game.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 10TH ANNUAL SAN MATEO COUNTY DISASTER PREPAREDNESS DAY

HON. JACKIE SPEIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 23, 2014

Ms. SPEIER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the 10th annual San Mateo County Disaster Preparedness Day on this day, Saturday, June 7, 2014.

This event grew out of the tragedy of Hurricane Katrina, which devastated southeast Louisiana on August 29, 2005. The Nation watched in horror as Americans were waving for help from the roofs of their homes surrounded by water. Hurricane Katrina became the costliest natural disaster and one of the five deadliest hurricanes in U.S. history. I couldn't help but wonder what would happen here in the Bay Area if a major earthquake hit. As all of us know, it's not a question of if, but when.

We convened a small group of leaders on September 11, 2004 to discuss disaster preparedness in our county. From this meeting arose the first countywide disaster preparedness event to educate residents. San Mateo County Supervisor Adrienne Tissier and Supervisor Don Horsley created such a stir in the community that when event day dawned, about 5,000 individuals attended. They learned directly from first responders giving emergency demonstrations, and that first year there were 40 exhibitor booths and numerous emergency vehicles. Through sponsorship by local businesses and community partners, we were able to hand out 1,000 emergency preparedness backpacks to the first attendees and feed all attendees complimentary lunches. It was a true community event.

Every year since then, the San Mateo County Disaster Preparedness Day has taken place at locations throughout the county, including South San Francisco High School, the USGS campus in Menlo Park and at the Event Center. Tens of thousands have been trained. Many of those who attend are young people and students. Disaster Preparedness Day offers families a teaching moment—a time to reflect upon what will happen to each family member if communication is cut off or mobility restricted. As mothers and fathers instruct their young children in how to be safe but not frightened, and as emergency responders offer teens their first exposure to adult-like duties, such as first aid and CPR, you can almost watch the fabric of the community being woven right before your eyes.

On the 10th anniversary of this important day, we continue our tradition of presenting, during the opening ceremony, flags by the San Mateo County Sheriff Department Honor Guard and a wreath dedicated to the lives that

have been lost due to disasters. We also continue to offer a free CPR course for attendees plus explanations of hospital care during an emergency, and instructions on how to store food, currency and water in safe places. Experts on earthquakes, fires and floods explain likely scenarios and often the local fire departments give detailed, localized explanations to their own residents.

Mr. Speaker, I ask the House of Representatives to rise with me to honor the 10th annual Disaster Preparedness Day in San Mateo County. No one wants to experience a disaster, but everyone must be prepared for one. It has been said that practice makes perfect. In San Mateo County, we can never hope to be perfect in our response to disaster, but everyone knows that we practice because we love our families, our community and our neighborhoods, and we are determined to be prepared.

TRIBUTE TO LESLIE BARBOUR

HON. MICHAEL K. SIMPSON

OF IDAHO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 23, 2014

Mr. SIMPSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a friend and colleague, Leslie Barbour of the Nuclear Energy Institute, who will be retiring from NEI later this summer. In some circles, Leslie is known as the "First Lady of Nuclear Energy" and her presence and insights will be missed.

When I came to Congress sixteen years ago, I met Leslie Barbour for the first time. In many ways, Leslie is the face of the nuclear energy industry that many Members of Congress and congressional staff see the most. Whether it is in a meeting, at a hearing or a mark-up, Leslie Barbour is there on behalf of the nuclear industry.

Leslie is an extremely effective advocate for the nuclear energy industry and she has a unique ability to explain complex technological issues in understandable terms. Leslie is an educator and an advocate and she has created events like the Nuclear Energy Research and Development Summit that bring political leaders, nuclear industry officials and union representatives together to discuss the best strategies and options for moving nuclear energy forward.

As the representative of Idaho's Second Congressional District, I have the honor of representing the Idaho National Laboratory, the nation's lead lab for nuclear energy research and development. The Idaho National Laboratory and the Nuclear Energy Institute work very closely together, and over the years Leslie has organized tours of the lab and brought lab employees to Washington, DC to help educate policymakers on the benefits of nuclear power. Leslie is always looking for new ways to reach new audiences and educate new Members of Congress on the role nuclear energy plays in our nation's energy strategy.

In addition to her professional work, Leslie Barbour is also an active member of her community. For a number of years, Leslie has served on the Board of Directors of the Capitol Hill Group Ministries, a non-denominational organization that addresses the social needs of the men, women and children living near Cap-

itol Hill. In fact, in recognition of her efforts, in 2011 Capitol Hill Group Ministries named Leslie the Volunteer of the Year.

After twenty years with the Nuclear Energy Institute, Leslie is retiring from NEI but she will still be active here in Washington, DC. It has been a joy to work with Leslie, and I wish her and her husband Gary all the best as they take on new challenges and new opportunities.

IN RECOGNITION OF HOLY TRINITY CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST

HON. RICHARD E. NEAL

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 23, 2014

Mr. NEAL. Mr. Speaker, I want to take this opportunity to recognize the Holy Trinity Church of God in Christ in my hometown of Springfield, Massachusetts for celebrating their sixtieth anniversary this month. Since its founding in 1954, Holy Trinity has become an important part of the cultural and spiritual identity of the Mason Square area of Springfield.

With its commitment to community outreach, Holy Trinity has become a vital part of the revitalization of the Mason Square area. For decades, Holy Trinity has worked to make Mason Square a better and safer place for everyone. Their parishioners help serve the people that are most in need by donating clothes and working at shelters on a regular basis. They have sponsored many initiatives including Community Olympics and offering different scholarships. Notably, Holy Trinity headed up a project, working with other churches and the city of Springfield, to renovate the gym at Deberry Elementary School for those students to enjoy.

I want to congratulate Holy Trinity Church of God in Christ for reaching this important milestone and I wish them all the best with their future endeavors.

JULIE GEISER CONGRESSIONAL TRIBUTE

HON. SCOTT R. TIPTON

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 23, 2014

Mr. TIPTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Julie Geiser of Pueblo, Colorado. After 18 years of service as the Director of the Alamosa Public Health Department, Ms. Geiser is retiring to spend time with her family and friends.

Ms. Geiser has had an exemplary career, leading her department with vision and passion. Under her guidance, the Alamosa Public Health Department has doubled in size, while continuing to maintain a standard of excellence that meets the needs of her community. In 2008 Ms. Geiser provided crucial leadership during a salmonella outbreak, prioritizing public safety by ensuring that the public remained informed. During this tenuous time she worked with local officials to locate and terminate the source of the outbreak and limit its spread. Instances like this demonstrate the important role Ms. Geiser has had in ensuring the health and vitality of her community. Ms. Geiser was

recognized by the Nightingale Luminaries in 2014 for demonstrating outstanding leadership, advocacy, and innovation in her community.

Mr. Speaker, Ms. Geiser's hard work and dedication to serving her community are commendable. I stand with the residents of Alamosa County in thanking Ms. Geiser and congratulating her on a lifetime of service. Although she is retiring from her current post, I am confident she will remain a valuable part of her community, and I look forward to seeing all she will accomplish in the years to come.

RECOGNIZING THE NORTHUMBERLAND HIGH SCHOOL INDIANS STATE CHAMPION BASEBALL TEAM

HON. ROBERT J. WITTMAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 23, 2014

Mr. WITTMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the outstanding feat achieved by the Northumberland Indians baseball team with their victory in the Division IA Virginia High School League Championship.

The Indians earned the IA State Baseball Championship title in an impressive 9–3 game with the Honaker High School Tigers, winning the State Championship while handing the Tigers their first and only loss of the season.

I would like to commend head coach Johnny Mothershead and all those who are involved with the Northumberland High School Indians for building this successful baseball program into a championship winning team.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to stand today to recognize the school, the coaches, the fans, and most importantly, the players on their successful season and victory in the IA State Championship game.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. KAY GRANGER

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 23, 2014

Ms. GRANGER. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 309: Due to a previously scheduled constituent event in my district, I was not able to be present for this vote.

Had I been present, I would have voted "yea."

RECOGNIZING THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF DAVID BALDREE

HON. ALAN GRAYSON

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 23, 2014

Mr. GRAYSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender (LGBT) Pride Month, to recognize David Baldree. Born in Shelby, North Carolina in 1966 to J.D. and Margaret Baldree, David grew up in a home committed to volunteering and giving back to the community. Even now, David's parents, a retired

school teacher and small business owner, continue to volunteer their time assisting the visually impaired, the homeless, and the needy families in their local area. This lifetime commitment to service was lovingly ingrained in David, who spends countless hours giving back to his community.

After attending Mars Hill College on both music and academic scholarships, where he earned his Bachelor of Arts in Musical Theatre, David pursued an early career as a performer and entertainer. Soon, his focus shifted to production and he spent the next several years traveling as a company manager for Sesame Street Live! and producing and stage managing in San Antonio, Texas. While in Texas, he worked on Governor Ann Richards' final gubernatorial campaign and was honored to present the San Antonio bid for the 1996 Democratic National Convention to then First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton.

After leaving Texas and moving to South Carolina to start his own entertainment production company, David was recruited by the Walt Disney Company in 1996, where he is currently the Producer for Disney Cruise Line. He holds a Masters of Science degree in Entertainment Business from Full Sail University and lectures on cruise line operations and management at the UCF Rosen College of Hospitality Management.

Much of David's free time is spent serving on several boards, volunteering his time, and advocating for the rights of others. Serving as the President of the Board of Directors for The Orlando International Fringe Theatre Festival, he is committed to expanding the opportunities for artists in the Orlando area. David is a member of the Orange County Democratic Executive Committee and serves on the Equality Florida Orlando Steering Committee, both of which allow him to work for advocacy and legislation that guarantee and expand the rights of the LGBTQ population. David is an active member of the Central Florida Softball League, an organization that brings amateur softball competition to the Central Florida LGBTQ community and its allies. He has volunteered for The Hope and Help Center of Central Florida and actively supports the Zebra Coalition, where he not only gives his time, but also serves as a role model for the LGBTQ youth with whom he interacts.

The model of service and community involvement that David's parents created in their home is a difficult standard to uphold, but David continues to prove that he is an incredible asset and a boon to his community.

I am happy to honor David Baldree, during LGBT Pride Month, for his political, civic, and professional contributions to the Central Florida community.

A RESOLUTION TO HONOR MARINE CORPS GENERAL CLIFTON B. CATES

HON. STEPHEN LEE FINCHER

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 23, 2014

Mr. FINCHER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to introduce a resolution expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that the Secretary of the Navy should name an appropriate Navy ship in honor of Marine Corps General Clifton B. Cates of Tiptonville, Tennessee.

Clifton Bledsoe Cates was born in Tiptonville, Tennessee on August 31, 1893. After graduating from high school at Missouri Military Academy in 1910 and the University of Tennessee with a Bachelor of Law degree in 1916, he was commissioned as second lieutenant in the Marine Corps and began active duty on June 13, 1917.

During World War I, General Cates served with the 6th Marine Regiment, fighting in France. He was the most decorated Marine Corps Officer of World War I, having been awarded the Navy Cross, Army Distinguished Service Cross with Oak Leaf Cluster, Silver Star Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster, Purple Heart Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster, the Legion of Honor, and the Croix de Guerre with Gilt Star and 2 palms.

When General Cates returned to the United States in September 1919, he served in Washington, D.C. as a White House aide and Aide-de-Camp to the Commandant of the Marine Corps. From 1923 to 1925, Cates served a tour of sea duty as commander of the Marine Detachment aboard the USS *California*, and in 1929, he was deployed to Shanghai, China, where he rejoined the 4th Marines and served for three years. He then returned to the United States for training at the Army Industrial College, and by 1940, he was named the Director of the Marine Officers Basic School at the Philadelphia Navy Yard.

In 1942, Colonel Cates led the 1st Marine Regiment at Guadalcanal, for which he was awarded the Legion of Merit. From there, he took command of the 4th Marine Division in the Marianas operation, the Tinian campaign and the seizure of Iwo Jima. He received several distinguished awards for his service at Iwo Jima, including the Distinguished Service Medal with a gold star. After his tour of duty in the Pacific, Cates returned to the United States to serve as Commandant of the Marine Corps Schools at Quantico until 1944. He then returned to the Pacific until the end of the war as commander of the 4th Marine Division.

On January 1, 1948, Cates was promoted to the rank of General and sworn in as Commandant of the Marine Corps. He served in this position for four years until he retired on June 30, 1954 after thirty-seven years of military service. General Cates passed away on June 4, 1970 at the United States Naval Hospital in Annapolis, Maryland and was buried with full military honors on June 8, 1970 at Arlington National Cemetery.

Because of his heroic and dedicated service to our nation, I fully support the Secretary of the Navy naming an appropriate ship after General Clifton B. Cates. It's an honor to introduce this legislation.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. KEITH ELLISON

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 23, 2014

Mr. ELLISON. Mr. Speaker, on June 19, 2014, during floor consideration of the Department of Defense Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2015, I inadvertently voted "nay" on Mr. MORAN's amendment, rollcall vote No. 324, when I intended to vote "yea".

THE PASSING OF DENNIS PITTS

HON. DOUG COLLINS

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 23, 2014

Mr. COLLINS of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, Hall County lost a wonderful citizen and community leader when my friend Dennis Pitts passed in his family's home on May 24 at just the age of 58.

A lifelong Georgian, Dennis was a 1973 graduate of Johnson High School. He worked in real estate for many years before becoming Hall County's first Republican commissioner. He served two terms in that position, starting in 1994. In business, he became president and chief financial officer of Minit Save Food Stores and Pitts Management Co.

Most recently, Dennis served in the office of his close friend, Lieutenant Governor Casey Cagle. Dennis was Cagle's North Georgia field representative and chief economic development officer.

In addition to his civic and community involvement, Dennis was an avid outdoorsman who spent time hunting, fishing, running, swimming, and cycling—including a 55-mile ride on his 55th birthday. He was also a member of the First Baptist Church of Gainesville.

Dennis will be remembered as a thoughtful, generous man who took great pride in serving Northeast Georgia. My prayers and thoughts are with Dennis' wife, Jane, as well as his parents and siblings during this difficult time.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE ROYAL MARINES

HON. WILLIAM R. KEATING

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 23, 2014

Mr. KEATING. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Royal Marines as they celebrate their 350th year of service to the people of Britain.

The Royal Marines were originally formed as "the Duke of York and Albany's maritime regiment of Foot" in 1664 under the reign of King Charles II. Later, in 1755, they became the official marine infantry for the Royal Navy, and acquired their present-day title by King George III in 1802. For centuries, the countless men and women who have served in the Royal Marines have fought valiantly for their country, and they have been present at more battles on land and sea than any other branch of the British Armed Forces. From the Battle of Trafalgar and other Napoleonic-era battles to World War I and World War II, and from Cold War conflicts up to modern-day service in Iraq and Afghanistan, members of the Royal Marines have witnessed the world changing drastically throughout their many centuries of service.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to recognize the Royal Marines upon this important milestone. I ask that my colleagues join me in commemorating their 350 years of service to the people of Britain.

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE
APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2015

SPEECH OF

HON. JOHN C. CARNEY, JR.

OF DELAWARE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 20, 2014

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 4870) making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2015, and for other purposes:

Mr. CARNEY. Madam Chair, let me be clear that I do not support giving any funding to terrorist organizations, including Hamas and the Islamic State in Iraq and Syria (ISIS). However, I voted against Mr. GOSAR's amendment because it would have prevented funding for the Palestinian Authority, which is a vital source of humanitarian aid and aid to help resolve the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. This money also goes toward providing security within the Palestinian territory, which remains in the best interest of our national security.

The amendment also would have barred the use of funds for the ongoing dismantling of chemical weapons in Syria. This effort remains a top priority for American national security and it would have been irresponsible to vote in favor of an amendment that would jeopardize this mission.

While on its surface this amendment may have appeared to implement policy goals I support, I ultimately opposed it because I believe its consequences would have negatively impacted American national security interests.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY GI BILL

HON. CHRISTOPHER H. SMITH

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 23, 2014

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the 70th Anniversary of the Original GI Bill, the first legislation of its kind establishing educational assistance for our nation's veterans. Seventy years ago this week, on June 22, 1944, Congress enacted the Servicemen's Readjustment Act and introduced a new veterans benefits program that continues to this day. The GI Bill has had, and continues to have, an incredible impact—opening doors for servicemembers and their families and benefiting society as a whole.

Our nation has a strong history of ensuring those who fight in defense of our freedom have access to career-enhancing, educational benefits. The GI Bill not only provides veterans with the tools to transition from our military force to our workforce, it is sound and valuable investment that collectively benefits our society.

I have long believed that the post-World War II education benefits created the modern middle class. Because of the GI Bill, millions of veterans who have defended the American Dream are achieving—and sustaining—it.

In 2001, when I became chairman of the Veterans' Affairs Committee, one of my major legislative priorities was to modernize and expand the GI Bill. I wrote and Congress enacted the Veterans Education and Benefits

Expansion Act (P.L. 107–103) which at that time provided the largest increase in GI Bill benefits since World War II.

Prior to passage of my legislation, veterans receiving the maximum benefit under the Montgomery GI Bill received \$24,000 toward their degree. The benefit was terribly underutilized as eligible vets were declining to participate because the benefit was too small to make a difference in the cost of college. We had the foresight to adjust this benefit for inflation, ensuring that the value of the benefit would keep pace if the cost of college increased. The maximum benefit is now \$59,328.

The GI Bill can be used for a variety of education and training opportunities—including certificate programs, post-secondary degrees, and work-study programs, including the successful Helmets to Hard Hats apprenticeship program—that can boost both marketability and earning potential for veterans.

And now that we have an all-volunteer military that is smaller and highly trained, it is critical we have good benefits that attract and retain quality young people into our armed services.

We remain in awe of their bravery and are humbled by the selfless sacrifice of our nation's veterans. Accordingly, Congress again beefed up GI Bill benefits in 2008 with passage of the Post-9/11 Veterans Educational Assistance Act (P.L. 110–252), putting a college degree within reach for men and women who have been called to active duty since September 11, 2001.

Each year more and more veterans benefit from this program and the Post-9/11 GI Bill combined with the continued funding increases yielded from my law will hopefully give every veteran the ability to take full advantage of all the GI bill has to offer.

TRIBUTE TO DR. ADA SUE
HINSHAW**HON. CHRIS VAN HOLLEN**

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 23, 2014

Mr. VAN HOLLEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to Dr. Ada Sue Hinshaw, who is retiring as Dean of the Daniel K. Inouye Graduate School of Nursing of the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences (USUHS), which I am proud to have located in my Congressional district.

Dr. Hinshaw was named Dean by USUHS President Charles Rice in June 2008 and has led the School through a period of enormous change and growth. Her deanship is the capstone of a lifelong commitment to her profession, her colleagues, her patients, and the science and scholarship of nursing and health care. USUHS and her field have been transformed by her energy, wise stewardship, and insightful mentorship.

Dr. Hinshaw has numerous significant accomplishments. She developed a close working relationship with the chiefs of the Nurse Corps of the military services, which was reflected by their decision to include the dean of the GSN as a regular member of the Federal Nursing Service Chiefs. She strengthened the academic rigor of the Advanced Practice Nursing programs and skillfully managed the transi-

tion of those programs from the Master's degree to the Doctor of Nursing Practice degree.

Dr. Hinshaw recruited key faculty members to strengthen research programs, developed a partnership with the Department of Veterans Affairs in patient safety, and oversaw the successful reaccreditation of a number of GSN academic programs. She developed a highly successful model of shared governance, initiated the Behavioral Health advanced practice nursing program, and met the Air Force's need for an accession program for CRNAs. Moreover, Dr. Hinshaw closely collaborated with School of Medicine Dean Arthur Kellermann to develop an innovative inter-professional education program that will ensure that USUHS leads the health professions' integration in academic health care education and research.

Throughout her career, Dr. Hinshaw has conducted nursing research focusing on quality care, patient outcomes, measurement of such outcomes, and building positive work environments for nurses while ensuring patient safety. She has given hundreds of presentations and her findings have been widely published. In addition, she has served on numerous scientific advisory committees and task forces and has been a visiting professor at many schools of nursing.

Dr. Hinshaw has held many leadership positions during her career. She was dean/professor at the University of Michigan School of Nursing (1994–2006). She was the first permanent director of the National Center for Nursing Research and the first director of the National Institute of Nursing Research at the National Institutes of Health (1987–94). President of the American Academy of Nursing from 1991–2001, she is a member of the Institute of Medicine of the National Academies and on the Institute's Governing Council. She co-chaired a study entitled Keeping Patients Safe: Transforming the Work Environment for Nurses (2004), and served as Scholar-in-Residence at the Institute (2006–07). She also chaired the Institute of Medicine committee that examined the safety of the federal childhood immunization schedule.

The recipient of 13 honorary doctoral degrees, Dr. Hinshaw received a Ph.D. and M.A. in sociology from the University of Arizona, an M.S.N. from Yale University, and a B.S. from the University of Kansas.

Dr. Hinshaw was named a "Living Legend" in a career-capping honor at the American Academy of Nursing's 38th Annual Meeting. She has been a leader in the Academy since her induction as a Fellow in 1978 and served as President in 2001.

As Dr. Hinshaw prepares to embark on the next stage of her life, I ask my colleagues to join me in thanking her for her service to the Daniel K. Inouye Graduate School of Nursing. We are grateful to her for her wise counsel, scholarly contribution, and her dedication to the service of our nation.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ADRIAN SMITH

OF NEBRASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 23, 2014

Mr. SMITH of Nebraska. Mr. Speaker, on June 20, 2014 I inadvertently voted "yea" on

rollcall no. 334. I would like to state for the record I intended to vote “no.”

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE
APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2015

SPEECH OF

HON. JOHN C. CARNEY, JR.

OF DELAWARE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 18, 2014

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 4870) making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2015, and for other purposes:

Mr. CARNEY. Mr. Chair, with numerous and significant reservations, I will vote for final passage of H.R. 4870, the FY2015 Department of Defense Appropriations Act. I supported this bill because it provides the means to support the brave men and women of our armed services who put their lives on the line to protect ours. The bill provides a pay raise for our troops and includes important provisions that support the missions of the Delaware National Guard and Dover Air Force Base.

That said, I disagreed with numerous policy provisions included in the bill, most notably the lack of guidance for how the Administration can use funds provided in the Overseas Contingency Operation accounts. I also remain concerned that the bill prevents the Department of Defense from taking responsible measures to cut defense spending and continues to maintain the Authorization for Use of Military Force, despite the fact that our military engagements in Afghanistan and Iraq have drawn to a close. I was also concerned that the bill prevents the transfer of detainees at the Guantanamo Bay Facility and fails to pro-

vide a comprehensive plan to close the facility. I am hopeful these deficiencies in the bill will be addressed when the House and Senate meet in conference to work out their differences.

HONORING THE LIFE AND DEDICATED SERVICE OF THOMAS E. MARTIN OF DEFUNIACK SPRINGS, FLORIDA

HON. JEFF MILLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 23, 2014

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise to commemorate the life and dedicated service of DeFuniack Springs, Florida's beloved Mr. Thomas E. Martin, who passed away on June 16, 2014. Thomas Martin was a veteran, successful business owner, committed public servant, and loving family man. The entire Northwest Florida community mourns the loss of a great and compassionate man.

Born on July 27, 1927, to J.D. and Evie Jones Martin, Mr. Martin served our Nation as a member of the U.S. Army during WWII before enjoying a long and successful career as a civil servant. He retired after 30 years as the Plumbing Shop Supervisor at Eglin Air Force Base, Florida. Mr. Martin was also a successful small business owner, running Martin's Tire Company in his hometown of DeFuniack Springs. He took great pride in employing his neighbors, and he was also known for traveling through town to search for folks looking to work on the weekends at his small farm to help give them a small paycheck and the satisfaction that comes with a good day's work.

Mr. Martin was also an avid sports fan and a talented athlete in his own right who played

professional baseball in the minor leagues before forming the town's first semi-pro baseball team, the DeFuniack Indians, where he was both a player and manager. Thanks to his wife and three daughters, Mr. Martin was also a softball fan, and he formed the town's first girls' and women's softball leagues. His passion for the game coupled with his tireless work supporting local leagues, he was nominated by his daughter, Cindy, for Major League Baseball's "Most Valuable Dad" award, and he was selected as the "Most Valuable Dad" for the Atlanta Braves organization.

In addition to his successful careers and immense leadership in his community, Mr. Martin was also a member of First United Methodist Church of DeFuniack and greatly enjoyed the hunting, fishing, and outdoor recreational activities in and around his hometown. He was known for leading hunting trips for dignitaries and was also a great friend to all manner of animals. He often took in disadvantaged animals to provide for them a good home. To some, Mr. Martin will be remembered as a dedicated public servant and a man full of integrity and kindness. To his family and friends, he will always be remembered as a loving and devoted family man with a heart of gold.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the United States Congress, it is a privilege for me to honor the life and dedicated service of Mr. Thomas E. Martin. My wife Vicki and I extend our prayers and sincere condolences to his wife of over 65 years, Sabra; daughters, Susan, Cindy, and Toma; brother, Frank; grandchildren, Lindsey, Kyle, Tiffany, Matt, Briana, Brent, and Troy; great-grandchildren, Gunnar, Erilyn, Ashton, Loren, River, Caden, Hadley, and Zoey (grandchild-to-be); and the entire Martin family.

SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Title IV of Senate Resolution 4, agreed to by the Senate of February 4, 1977, calls for establishment of a system for a computerized schedule of all meetings and hearings of Senate committees, subcommittees, joint committees, and committees of conference. This title requires all such committees to notify the Office of the Senate Daily Digest—designated by the Rules Committee—of the time, place and purpose of the meetings, when scheduled and any cancellations or changes in the meetings as they occur.

As an additional procedure along with the computerization of this information, the Office of the Senate Daily Digest will prepare this information for printing in the Extensions of Remarks section of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on Monday and Wednesday of each week.

Meetings scheduled for Tuesday, June 24, 2014 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

JUNE 25

10 a.m.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

Business meeting to consider the nominations of Julian Castro, of Texas, to be Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, and Laura S. Wertheimer, of the District of Columbia, to be Inspector General of the Federal Housing Finance Agency; to be immediately followed by a hearing to examine the Financial Stability Oversight Council annual report to Congress.

SH-216

Committee on Finance

To hold hearings to examine the nominations of D. Nathan Sheets, of Maryland, to be Under Secretary, and Ramin Toloui, of Iowa, to be Deputy Under Secretary, both of the Department of the Treasury.

SD-215

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

Business meeting to consider S. 2449, to reauthorize certain provisions of the Public Health Service Act relating to autism, proposed legislation to amend The Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, and the nominations of William D. Adams, of Maine, to be Chairperson of the National Endowment for the Humanities, Robert M. Gordon, of the District of Columbia, to be Assistant Secretary of Education for Planning, Evaluation, and Policy Development, and any additional nominations cleared for action.

SD-430

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

Business meeting to consider an original bill entitled, "Federal Information Security Modernization Act of 2014", an original bill entitled, "National Cybersecurity and Communications Integration Center Act of 2014", H.R. 1232, to amend titles 40, 41, and 44, United States Code, to eliminate duplication and waste in information technology acquisition and management, S. 1691, to amend title 5, United States Code, to improve the security of the United States border and to provide for re-

forms and rates of pay for border patrol agents, H.R. 4194, to provide for the elimination or modification of Federal reporting requirements, S. 2061, to prevent conflicts of interest relating to contractors providing background investigation fieldwork services and investigative support services, S. 231, to reauthorize the Multinational Species Conservation Funds Semipostal Stamp, S. 1214, to require the purchase of domestically made flags of the United States of America for use by the Federal Government, S. 2117, to amend title 5, United States Code, to change the default investment fund under the Thrift Savings Plan, S. 1347, to provide transparency, accountability, and limitations of Government sponsored conferences, H.R. 1376, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 369 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive in Jersey City, New Jersey, as the "Judge Shirley A. Tolentino Post Office Building", H.R. 1813, to redesignate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 162 Northeast Avenue in Tallmadge, Ohio, as the "Lance Corporal Daniel Nathan Deyarmin, Jr., Post Office Building", S. 2056, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 13127 Broadway Street in Alden, New York, as the "Sergeant Brett E. Gorniewicz Memorial Post Office", S. 2057, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 198 Baker Street in Corning, New York, as the "Specialist Ryan P. Jayne Post Office Building", and the nomination of Shaun L. S. Donovan, of New York, to be Director of the Office of Management and Budget.

SD-342

Committee on the Judiciary

To hold hearings to examine S. 1945, to amend the Voting Rights Act of 1965 to revise the criteria for determining which States and political subdivisions are subject to section 4 of the Act, focusing on updating the "Voting Rights Act" in response to *Shelby County v. Holder*.

SD-106

10:30 a.m.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

Subcommittee on Aviation Operations, Safety, and Security

To hold hearings to examine NextGen, focusing on a review of progress, challenges, and opportunities for improving aviation safety and efficiency.

SR-253

2 p.m.

Committee on Finance

To hold hearings to examine trade enforcement, focusing on using trade rules to level the playing field for United States companies and workers.

SD-215

Committee on Rules and Administration

To hold hearings to examine how early and absentee voting can benefit citizens and administrators, focusing on election administration.

SR-301

2:15 p.m.

Committee on Foreign Relations

To hold hearings to examine the future of United States-China relations.

SD-419

Committee on Indian Affairs

To hold an oversight hearing to examine economic development, focusing on encouraging investment in Indian country.

SD-628

Special Committee on Aging

To hold hearings to examine brain injuries and diseases of aging.

SD-562

2:30 p.m.

Committee on Armed Services

Subcommittee on Strategic Forces

To receive a closed briefing on United States nuclear deterrence policy.

SVC-217

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

Subcommittee on Economic Policy

To hold hearings to examine young workers and recent graduates in the United States economy.

SD-538

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

Subcommittee on Water and Power

To hold hearings to examine S. 1971, to establish an interagency coordination committee or subcommittee with the leadership of the Department of Energy and the Department of the Interior, focused on the nexus between energy and water production, use, and efficiency.

SD-366

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

Subcommittee on Emergency Management, Intergovernmental Relations, and the District of Columbia

To hold hearings to examine the path to efficiency, focusing on making FEMA more effective for streamlined disaster operations.

SD-342

JUNE 26

9:30 a.m.

Committee on the Judiciary

Business meeting to consider S. 2454, to amend title 17, United States Code, to extend expiring provisions of the Satellite Television Extension and Localism Act of 2010, S. 517, to promote consumer choice and wireless competition by permitting consumers to unlock mobile wireless devices, and S. J.Res. 19, proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States relating to contributions and expenditures intended to affect elections.

SD-226

10 a.m.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

To hold hearings to examine sexual assault on campus, focusing on working to ensure student safety.

SD-430

10:30 a.m.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

Subcommittee on Tourism, Competitiveness, and Innovation

To hold hearings to examine the state of the United States travel and tourism industry, focusing on Federal efforts to attract 100 million visitors annually.

SR-253

2 p.m.

Committee on Foreign Relations

To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Alfonso E. Lenhardt, of New York, to be Deputy Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development, and Marcia Denise Occomy, of the District of Columbia, to be United States Director of the African Development Bank.

SD-419

2:30 p.m.

Select Committee on Intelligence

Closed business meeting to consider pending calendar business.

SH-219

CORRECTION

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Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S3887–3901

Measures Introduced: Two bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 2512–2513, and S. Res. 481. **Page S3898**

Measures Reported:

S. 2244, to extend the termination date of the Terrorism Insurance Program established under the Terrorism Risk Insurance Act of 2002, with amendments. **Pages S3897–98**

Measures Passed:

National Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder Awareness Month: Senate agreed to S. Res. 481, designating the month of June 2014 as “National Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder Awareness Month”. **Page S3900**

Measures Considered:

Bipartisan Sportsmen’s Act: Senate began consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 2363, to protect and enhance opportunities for recreational hunting, fishing, and shooting. **Pages S3887–88**

Messages from the President: Senate received the following messages from the President of the United States:

Transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on the continuation of the national emergency that was originally declared in Executive Order 13219 of June 26, 2001, with respect to the Western Balkans; which was referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. (PM–46) **Page S3897**

Transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on the continuation of the national emergency that was originally declared in Executive Order 13466 of June 26, 2008, with respect to North Korea, as received during recess of the Senate on June 20, 2014; which was referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. (PM–47) **Page S3897**

Byron Nomination—Cloture: Senate resumed consideration of the nomination of Paul G. Byron, of Florida, to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of Florida. **Pages S3891–92**

During consideration of this nomination today, Senate also took the following action:

By 53 yeas to 30 nays (Vote No. 202), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Pages S3891–92**

Mendoza Nomination—Cloture: Senate resumed consideration of the nomination of Carlos Eduardo Mendoza, of Florida, to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of Florida. **Page S3892**

During consideration of this nomination today, Senate also took the following action:

By 53 yeas to 31 nays (Vote No. 203), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Page S3892**

Bloom Nomination—Cloture: Senate resumed consideration of the nomination of Beth Bloom, of Florida, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Florida. **Pages S3892–93**

During consideration of this nomination today, Senate also took the following action:

By 53 yeas to 31 nays (Vote No. 204), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Pages S3892–93**

Crawford Nomination—Cloture: Senate resumed consideration of the nomination of Geoffrey W. Crawford, of Vermont, to be United States District Judge for the District of Vermont. **Page S3893**

During consideration of this nomination today, Senate also took the following action:

By 52 yeas to 32 nays (Vote No. 205), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Page S3893**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Carolyn Watts Colvin, of Maryland, to be Commissioner of Social Security for the term expiring January 19, 2019.

1 Navy nomination in the rank of admiral.

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Messages from the House:

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Measures Referred:

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Executive Communications:

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Statements on Introduced Bills/Resolutions:

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Additional Statements:

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Notices of Hearings/Meetings:

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Record Votes: Four record votes were taken today. (Total—205)

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 2 p.m. and adjourned at 7:07 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Tuesday,

June 24, 2014. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S3900.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

No committee meetings were held.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 10 public bills, H.R. 4934–4943; and 5 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 103; and H. Res. 637–640 were introduced.

Pages H5639–40

Additional Cosponsors:

Pages H5640–41

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 4795, to promote new manufacturing in the United States by providing for greater transparency and timeliness in obtaining necessary permits, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 113–488);

H.R. 4801, to require the Secretary of Energy to prepare a report on the impact of thermal insulation on both energy and water use for potable hot water (H. Rept. 113–489);

H.R. 4631, to reauthorize certain provisions of the Public Health Service Act relating to autism, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 113–490);

H.R. 4007, to recodify and reauthorize the Chemical Facility Anti-Terrorism Standards Program, with an amendment (H. Rept. 113–491, Pt. 1); and H. Res. 636, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 6) to provide for expedited approval of exportation of natural gas to World Trade Organization countries, and for other purposes; and providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 3301) to require approval for the construction, connection, operation, or maintenance of oil or natural gas pipelines or electric transmission facilities at the national boundary of the United States for the import or export of oil, natural gas, or electricity to or from Canada or Mexico, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 113–492).

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Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Smith (NE) to act as Speaker pro tempore for today.

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Recess: The House recessed at 12:01 p.m. and reconvened at 2 p.m.

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Recess: The House recessed at 2:09 p.m. and reconvened at 4 p.m.

Page H5602

Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

Reliable Home Heating Act: S. 2086, to address current emergency shortages of propane and other home heating fuels and to provide greater flexibility and information for Governors to address such emergencies in the future;

Pages H5602–04

Streamlining Energy Efficiency for Schools Act of 2014: H.R. 4092, amended, to amend the Energy Policy and Conservation Act to establish the Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy as the lead Federal agency for coordinating Federal, State, and local assistance provided to promote the energy retrofitting of schools;

Pages H5604–05

Collinsville Renewable Energy Production Act: Concur in the Senate amendment to H.R. 316, to reinstate and transfer certain hydroelectric licenses and extend the deadline for commencement of construction of certain hydroelectric projects, by a 2/3 yeas-and-nays vote of 379 yeas to 3 nays, Roll No. 340;

Pages H5605–06, H5611–12

Requiring the Secretary of Energy to prepare a report on the impact of thermal insulation on both energy and water use for potable hot water: H.R. 4801, to require the Secretary of Energy to prepare a report on the impact of thermal insulation on both energy and water use for potable hot water;

Pages H5606–07

World War II Memorial Prayer Act: S. 1044, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to install in the area of the World War II Memorial in the District of Columbia a suitable plaque or an inscription with the words that President Franklin D. Roosevelt prayed with the United States on D-Day, June 6, 1944, by a 2/3 yeas-and-nays vote of 370 yeas to 12 nays, Roll No. 339;

Pages H5607–08, H5610–11

Revoking the charter of incorporation of the Miami Tribe of Oklahoma at the request of that tribe: H.R. 4002, to revoke the charter of incorporation of the Miami Tribe of Oklahoma at the request of that tribe; and **Pages H5608–09**

Nashua River Wild and Scenic River Study Act: H.R. 412, amended, to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate segments of the mainstem of the Nashua River and its tributaries in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts for study for potential addition to the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System. **Pages H5609–10**

Recess: The House recessed at 4:59 p.m. and reconvened at 6:32 p.m. **Page H5610**

Customer Protection and End User Relief Act: The House began consideration of H.R. 4413, to reauthorize the Commodity Futures Trading Commission, to better protect futures customers, to provide end users with market certainty, to make basic reforms to ensure transparency and accountability at the Commission, and to help farmers, ranchers, and end users manage risks to help keep consumer costs low. Consideration is expected to resume tomorrow, June 24th. **Pages H5612–38**

Pursuant to the rule, an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 113–47 shall be considered as an original bill for the purpose of amendment under the five-minute rule. **Page H5624**

Agreed to:

DeFazio amendment (No. 1 printed in H. Rept. 113–476) that adds one requirement to the study on high frequency trading: Whether such trading increases market volatility, including short term market swings such as the “flash crash”; **Page H5629**

DelBene amendment (No. 3 printed in H. Rept. 113–476) that ensures that the Commission’s assessment of costs and benefits regarding rules and orders will be affirmed by a court unless that assessment is found to be an abuse of discretion; and **Page H5631**

Fincher amendment (No. 7 printed in H. Rept. 113–476) that directs the Comptroller General of the United States to conduct a study of the efficiencies in leasing and rental costs at the Commodity Futures Trading Commission. **Pages H5635–36**

Proceedings Postponed:

Jackson Lee amendment (No. 2 printed in H. Rept. 113–476) that seeks to require a study on entities regulated by the Commodity Futures Trading Commission; **Pages H5629–31**

Waters amendment (No. 4 printed in H. Rept. 113–476) that seeks to prohibit judicial review of any consideration by the CFTC of the costs and benefits of its rules and orders; **Pages H5631–32**

Moore amendment (No. 5 printed in H. Rept. 113–476) that seeks to strike Section 203, and replace with the Sense of Congress that the Commodity Futures Trading Commission is already required by law to consider costs and benefits when promulgating rules and issuing orders, and is held accountable to this requirement by courts; **Pages H5632–34**

Jackson Lee amendment (No. 6 printed in H. Rept. 113–476) that seeks to preserve existing law by striking “United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit or the United States Court of Appeals for the circuit,” and replace with “United States District Court for the District of Columbia or the United States District Court for the district”; and **Pages H5634–35**

Garrett amendment (No. 8 printed in H. Rept. 113–476) that seeks to exempt Registered Investment Companies (RICs) that are currently registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) under the Investment Company Act of 1940 from duplicative registration requirements with the Commodity Futures Trading Commission (CFTC). The SEC will continue to have full regulatory oversight and enforcement authority over RICs. Amendment does not remove the jurisdiction and regulatory authority that the CFTC has over all futures, options and swaps transactions that the RICs invest in on behalf of their customers who are pensioners, retirees, and savers. **Pages H5636–38**

Agreed that the Clerk be authorized to make technical and conforming changes to reflect the actions of the House. **Page H5612**

H. Res. 629, the rule providing for consideration of the bill, was agreed to on June 19th.

Presidential Messages: Read a message from the President wherein he notified Congress that the national emergency declared with respect to the Western Balkans is to continue in effect beyond June 26, 2014—referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and ordered to be printed (H. Doc. 113–123). **Page H5602**

Read a message from the President wherein he notified Congress that the national emergency declared with respect to North Korea is to continue in effect beyond June 26, 2014—referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and ordered to be printed (H. Doc. 113–124). **Page H5610**

Quorum Calls Votes: Two yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H5610–11, H5611–12. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 12 noon and adjourned at 9:04 p.m.

Committee Meetings

IRS OBSTRUCTION: LOIS LERNER'S MISSING E-MAILS

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Full Committee held a hearing entitled "IRS Obstruction: Lois Lerner's Missing E-Mails". Testimony was heard from John Koskinen, Commissioner, Internal Revenue Service.

DOMESTIC PROSPERITY AND GLOBAL FREEDOM ACT; AND NORTH AMERICAN ENERGY INFRASTRUCTURE ACT

Committee on Rules: Full Committee held a hearing on H.R. 6, the "Domestic Prosperity and Global Freedom Act"; and H.R. 3301, the "North American Energy Infrastructure Act". The Committee granted by voice vote a structured rule for H.R. 6. The rule provides one hour of general debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Energy and Commerce. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule makes in order as original text for purpose of amendment an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 113-48 and provides that it shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against that amendment in the nature of a substitute. The rule makes in order only those further amendments printed in part A the Rules Committee report. Each such amendment may be offered only in the order printed in the report, may be offered only by a Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question. The rule waives all points of order against the amendments printed in part A of the report. The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. The rule also grants a structured rule for H.R. 3301. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule makes in order as original text for the purpose of amendment an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 113-49 and provides that it shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against that amendment in the nature of a substitute. The rule makes in order only those further amendments printed in part B of the Rules Committee report. Each such amendment may be offered only in the order printed in the report, may be offered only by a Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the re-

port equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question. The rule waives all points of order against the amendments printed in part B of the report. The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Representatives Whitfield, Gardner, Eshoo, Gene Green (TX), Turner, Garamendi, and Cárdenas.

EVALUATING THE CAPACITY OF THE VA TO CARE FOR VETERAN PATIENTS

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Full Committee held a hearing entitled "Evaluating the Capacity of the VA to Care for Veteran Patients". Testimony was heard from Thomas Lynch, M.D., Assistant Deputy Under Secretary for Health for Clinical Operations, Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR TUESDAY, JUNE 24, 2014

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Department of Homeland Security, business meeting to markup proposed legislation making appropriations for fiscal year 2015 for Homeland Security, 10 a.m., SD-138.

Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government, business meeting to markup proposed legislation making appropriations for fiscal year 2015 for Financial Services and General Government, 10:30 a.m., SD-124.

Committee on the Budget: business meeting to consider the nomination of Shaun L. S. Donovan, of New York, to be Director of the Office of Management and Budget, Time to be announced, S-115, Capitol.

Committee on Finance: to hold hearings to examine less student debt from the start, focusing on what role the tax system should play, 10 a.m., SD-215.

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on International Operations and Organizations, Human Rights, Democracy, and Global Women's Issues, to hold hearings to examine combating violence and discrimination against women, focusing on a global call to action, 9:45 a.m., SD-419.

Full Committee, business meeting to consider H.R. 3212, to ensure compliance with the 1980 Hague Convention on the Civil Aspects of International Child Abduction by countries with which the United States enjoys reciprocal obligations, to establish procedures for the prompt return of children abducted to other countries, S.

2508, to establish a comprehensive United States Government policy to assist countries in sub-Saharan Africa to improve access to and the affordability, reliability, and sustainability of power, S. 1933, to impose sanctions with respect to foreign persons responsible for gross violations of internationally recognized human rights, S. 1104, to measure the progress of recovery and development efforts in Haiti following the earthquake of January 12, 2010, S. Res. 447, recognizing the threats to freedom of the press and expression around the world and reaffirming freedom of the press as a priority in the efforts of the United States Government to promote democracy and good governance, S. Res. 462, recognizing the Khmer and Lao/Hmong Freedom Fighters of Cambodia and Laos for supporting and defending the United States Armed Forces during the conflict in Southeast Asia and for their continued support and defense of the United States, and the nominations of Robert Stephen Beecroft, of California, to be Ambassador to the Arab Republic of Egypt, Dana Shell Smith, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the State of Qatar, Stuart E. Jones, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Iraq, James D. Nealon, of New Hampshire, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Honduras, Noah Bryson Mamet, of California, to be Ambassador to the Argentine Republic, Gentry O. Smith, of North Carolina, to be Director of the Office of Foreign Missions, and to have the rank of Ambassador during his tenure of service, Mark William Lippert, of Ohio, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Korea, and Joan A. Polaschik, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the People's Democratic Republic of Algeria, all of the Department of State, Karen Kornbluh, of New York, to be a Member of the Broadcasting Board of Governors, and Jonathan Nicholas Stivers, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development, 2:15 p.m., S-116, Capitol.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: to hold hearings to examine moving toward greater community inclusion, focusing on Olmstead at 15, 2:30 p.m., SD-106.

Committee on the Judiciary: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Pamela Harris, of Maryland, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Fourth Circuit, Pamela Pepper, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Wisconsin, Brenda K. Sannes, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of New York, and Patricia M. McCarthy, of Maryland, and Jeri Kaylene Somers, of Virginia, both to be a Judge of the United States Court of Federal Claims, 10:15 a.m., SD-226.

Subcommittee on Antitrust, Competition Policy and Consumer Rights, to hold hearings to examine the AT&T and DIRECTV merger, focusing on the impact on competition and consumers in the video market and beyond, 2:30 p.m., SD-226.

Select Committee on Intelligence: to receive a closed briefing on certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

House

Committee on Appropriations, June 24, Full Committee markup on State, Foreign Operations, and Related Pro-

grams Appropriations Bill FY 2015, 10 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

Committee on Armed Services, Full Committee, hearing entitled "Case Studies in DOD Acquisition: Finding What Works", 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled "Filipino Veterans Equity Compensation Fund: Examining the Department of Defense and Interagency Process for Verifying Eligibility", 2 p.m., 2212 Rayburn.

Committee on Education and the Workforce, Full Committee, meeting to assign recently elected Members to subcommittees; and Subcommittee on Health, Employment, Labor, and Pensions, hearing entitled "What Should Workers and Employers Expect Next From the National Labor Relations Board?", 10 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, Full Committee, hearing entitled "The Annual Report of the Financial Stability Oversight Council", 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific, hearing entitled "Thailand: A Democracy in Peril", 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on Homeland Security, Full Committee, hearing entitled "Dangerous Passage: The Growing Problem of Unaccompanied Children Crossing the Border", 10 a.m., 311 Cannon.

Subcommittee on Transportation Security, hearing entitled "Utilizing Canine Teams to Detect Explosives and Mitigate Threats", 2 p.m., 311 Cannon.

Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on Regulatory Reform, Commercial and Antitrust Law, hearing entitled "The Proposed Merger of AT&T and DIRECTV", 10:30 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Courts, Intellectual Property and the Internet, hearing entitled "Hearing on Trade Secrets: Promoting and Protecting American Innovation, Competitiveness and Market Access in Foreign Markets", 1:30 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Natural Resources, Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources, oversight hearing entitled "American Energy Jobs: Opportunities for Education", 10 a.m., 1334 Longworth.

Subcommittee on Water and Power, oversight hearing on "New Federal Schemes to Soak Up Water Authority: Impacts on States, Water Users, Recreation, and Jobs", 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Subcommittee on Indian and Alaska Native Affairs, hearing entitled "Child Protection and the Justice System on the Spirit Lake Indian Reservation", 2 p.m., 1334 Longworth.

Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife, Oceans and Insular Affairs, oversight hearing entitled "The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's Plan to Implement a Ban on the Commercial Trade in Elephant Ivory", 2 p.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, Full Committee, hearing entitled "IRS Obstruction: Lois Lerner's Missing E-mails, Part II", 9:30 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on Rules, Full Committee, hearing on H.R. 4899, the "Lowering Gasoline Prices to Fuel an America That Works Act of 2014"; and H.R. 4923, Energy and

Water Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act FY 2015, 3 p.m., H-313 Capitol.

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, Full Committee, markup on H.R. 4012, the "Secret Science Reform Act of 2014", 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Joint Meetings

Joint Economic Committee: to hold hearings to examine the economic impact of increased natural gas production, 10 a.m., SH-216.

Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs, meeting of conferees on H.R. 3230, to improve the access of veterans to medical services from the Department of Veterans Affairs, 2 p.m., SVC-212-10.

CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of June 24 through June 27, 2014

Senate Chamber

On *Tuesday*, at 11 a.m., Senate will vote on confirmation of the nominations of Paul G. Byron, of Florida, to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of Florida, Carlos Eduardo Mendoza, of Florida, to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of Florida, Beth Bloom, of Florida, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Florida, and Geoffrey W. Crawford, of Vermont, to be United States District Judge for the District of Vermont, and on the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination of Leon Rodriguez, of Maryland, to be Director of the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services, Department of Homeland Security.

During the balance of the week, Senate may consider any cleared legislative and executive business.

Senate Committees

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Committee on Appropriations: June 24, Subcommittee on Department of Homeland Security, business meeting to markup proposed legislation making appropriations for fiscal year 2015 for Homeland Security, 10 a.m., SD-138.

June 24, Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government, business meeting to markup proposed legislation making appropriations for fiscal year 2015 for Financial Services and General Government, 10:30 a.m., SD-124.

Committee on Armed Services: June 25, Subcommittee on Strategic Forces, to receive a closed briefing on United States nuclear deterrence policy, 2:30 p.m., SVC-217.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: June 25, business meeting to consider the nominations of Julian Castro, of Texas, to be Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, and Laura S. Wertheimer, of the District of Columbia, to be Inspector General of the Federal Housing Finance Agency; to be immediately followed

by a hearing to examine the Financial Stability Oversight Council annual report to Congress, 10 a.m., SH-216.

June 25, Subcommittee on Economic Policy, to hold hearings to examine young workers and recent graduates in the United States economy, 2:30 p.m., SD-538.

Committee on the Budget: June 24, business meeting to consider the nomination of Shaun L. S. Donovan, of New York, to be Director of the Office of Management and Budget, Time to be announced, S-115, Capitol.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: June 25, Subcommittee on Aviation Operations, Safety, and Security, to hold hearings to examine NextGen, focusing on a review of progress, challenges, and opportunities for improving aviation safety and efficiency, 10:30 a.m., SR-253.

June 26, Subcommittee on Tourism, Competitiveness, and Innovation, to hold hearings to examine the state of the United States travel and tourism industry, focusing on Federal efforts to attract 100 million visitors annually, 10:30 a.m., SR-253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: June 25, Subcommittee on Water and Power, to hold hearings to examine S. 1971, to establish an interagency coordination committee or subcommittee with the leadership of the Department of Energy and the Department of the Interior, focused on the nexus between energy and water production, use, and efficiency, 2:30 p.m., SD-366.

Committee on Finance: June 24, to hold hearings to examine less student debt from the start, focusing on what role the tax system should play, 10 a.m., SD-215.

June 25, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of D. Nathan Sheets, of Maryland, to be Under Secretary, and Ramin Toloui, of Iowa, to be Deputy Under Secretary, both of the Department of the Treasury, 10 a.m., SD-215.

June 25, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine trade enforcement, focusing on using trade rules to level the playing field for United States companies and workers, 2 p.m., SD-215.

Committee on Foreign Relations: June 24, Subcommittee on International Operations and Organizations, Human Rights, Democracy, and Global Women's Issues, to hold hearings to examine combating violence and discrimination against women, focusing on a global call to action, 9:45 a.m., SD-419.

June 24, Full Committee, business meeting to consider H.R. 3212, to ensure compliance with the 1980 Hague Convention on the Civil Aspects of International Child Abduction by countries with which the United States enjoys reciprocal obligations, to establish procedures for the prompt return of children abducted to other countries, S. 2508, to establish a comprehensive United States Government policy to assist countries in sub-Saharan Africa to improve access to and the affordability, reliability, and sustainability of power, S. 1933, to impose sanctions with respect to foreign persons responsible for gross violations of internationally recognized human rights, S. 1104, to measure the progress of recovery and development efforts in Haiti following the earthquake of January 12, 2010, S. Res. 447, recognizing the threats to freedom of the press and expression around the world and reaffirming

freedom of the press as a priority in the efforts of the United States Government to promote democracy and good governance, S. Res. 462, recognizing the Khmer and Lao/Hmong Freedom Fighters of Cambodia and Laos for supporting and defending the United States Armed Forces during the conflict in Southeast Asia and for their continued support and defense of the United States, and the nominations of Robert Stephen Beecroft, of California, to be Ambassador to the Arab Republic of Egypt, Dana Shell Smith, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the State of Qatar, Stuart E. Jones, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Iraq, James D. Nealon, of New Hampshire, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Honduras, Noah Bryson Mamet, of California, to be Ambassador to the Argentine Republic, Gentry O. Smith, of North Carolina, to be Director of the Office of Foreign Missions, and to have the rank of Ambassador during his tenure of service, Mark William Lippert, of Ohio, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Korea, and Joan A. Polaschik, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the People's Democratic Republic of Algeria, all of the Department of State, Karen Kornbluh, of New York, to be a Member of the Broadcasting Board of Governors, and Jonathan Nicholas Stivers, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development, 2:15 p.m., S-116, Capitol.

June 25, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the future of United States-China relations, 2:15 p.m., SD-419.

June 26, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Alfonso E. Lenhardt, of New York, to be Deputy Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development, and Marcia Denise Occomy, of the District of Columbia, to be United States Director of the African Development Bank, 2 p.m., SD-419.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: June 24, to hold hearings to examine moving toward greater community inclusion, focusing on Olmstead at 15, 2:30 p.m., SD-106.

June 25, Full Committee, business meeting to consider S. 2449, to reauthorize certain provisions of the Public Health Service Act relating to autism, proposed legislation to amend The Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, and the nominations of William D. Adams, of Maine, to be Chairperson of the National Endowment for the Humanities, Robert M. Gordon, of the District of Columbia, to be Assistant Secretary of Education for Planning, Evaluation, and Policy Development, and any additional nominations cleared for action, 10 a.m., SD-430.

June 26, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine sexual assault on campus, focusing on working to ensure student safety, 10 a.m., SD-430.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: June 25, business meeting to consider an original bill entitled, "Federal Information Security Modernization Act of 2014", an original bill entitled, "National Cybersecurity and Communications Integration Center Act of 2014", H.R. 1232, to amend titles 40, 41, and 44, United States Code, to eliminate duplication and waste in

information technology acquisition and management, S. 1691, to amend title 5, United States Code, to improve the security of the United States border and to provide for reforms and rates of pay for border patrol agents, H.R. 4194, to provide for the elimination or modification of Federal reporting requirements, S. 2061, to prevent conflicts of interest relating to contractors providing background investigation fieldwork services and investigative support services, S. 231, to reauthorize the Multinational Species Conservation Funds Semipostal Stamp, S. 1214, to require the purchase of domestically made flags of the United States of America for use by the Federal Government, S. 2117, to amend title 5, United States Code, to change the default investment fund under the Thrift Savings Plan, S. 1347, to provide transparency, accountability, and limitations of Government sponsored conferences, H.R. 1376, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 369 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive in Jersey City, New Jersey, as the "Judge Shirley A. Tolentino Post Office Building", H.R. 1813, to redesignate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 162 Northeast Avenue in Tallmadge, Ohio, as the "Lance Corporal Daniel Nathan Deyarmin, Jr., Post Office Building", S. 2056, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 13127 Broadway Street in Alden, New York, as the "Sergeant Brett E. Gornewicz Memorial Post Office", S. 2057, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 198 Baker Street in Corning, New York, as the "Specialist Ryan P. Jayne Post Office Building", and the nomination of Shaun L. S. Donovan, of New York, to be Director of the Office of Management and Budget, 10 a.m., SD-342.

June 25, Subcommittee on Emergency Management, Intergovernmental Relations, and the District of Columbia, to hold hearings to examine the path to efficiency, focusing on making FEMA more effective for streamlined disaster operations, 2:30 p.m., SD-342.

Committee on Indian Affairs: June 25, to hold an oversight hearing to examine economic development, focusing on encouraging investment in Indian country, 2:15 p.m., SD-628.

Committee on the Judiciary: June 24, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Pamela Harris, of Maryland, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Fourth Circuit, Pamela Pepper, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Wisconsin, Brenda K. Sannes, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of New York, and Patricia M. McCarthy, of Maryland, and Jeri Kaylene Somers, of Virginia, both to be a Judge of the United States Court of Federal Claims, 10:15 a.m., SD-226.

June 24, Subcommittee on Antitrust, Competition Policy and Consumer Rights, to hold hearings to examine the AT&T and DIRECTV merger, focusing on the impact on competition and consumers in the video market and beyond, 2:30 p.m., SD-226.

June 25, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine S. 1945, to amend the Voting Rights Act of 1965 to revise the criteria for determining which States and political subdivisions are subject to section 4 of the Act, focusing on updating the “Voting Rights Act” in response to *Shelby County v. Holder*, 10 a.m., SD-106.

June 26, Full Committee, business meeting to consider S. 2454, to amend title 17, United States Code, to extend expiring provisions of the Satellite Television Extension and Localism Act of 2010, S. 517, to promote consumer choice and wireless competition by permitting consumers to unlock mobile wireless devices, and S.J. Res. 19, proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States relating to contributions and expenditures intended to affect elections, 9:30 a.m., SD-226.

Committee on Rules and Administration: June 25, to hold hearings to examine how early and absentee voting can benefit citizens and administrators, focusing on election administration, 2 p.m., SR-301.

Select Committee on Intelligence: June 24, to receive a closed briefing on certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

June 26, Full Committee, closed business meeting to consider pending calendar business, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

Special Committee on Aging: June 25, to hold hearings to examine brain injuries and diseases of aging, 2:15 p.m., SD-562.

House Committees

Committee on Agriculture, June 25, Subcommittee on Livestock, Rural Development, and Credit, hearing on a review of credit availability in rural America, 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

Committee on Appropriations, June 24, Full Committee markup on State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs Appropriations Bill FY 2015, 10 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

June 25, Full Committee, markup on Financial Services and General Government Appropriations Bill FY 2015, 10 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

Committee on Armed Services, June 24, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Case Studies in DOD Acquisition: Finding What Works”, 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

June 24, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled “Filipino Veterans Equity Compensation Fund: Examining the Department of Defense and Interagency Process for Verifying Eligibility”, 2 p.m., 2212 Rayburn.

Committee on Education and the Workforce, June 24, Full Committee, meeting to assign recently elected Members to subcommittees; and Subcommittee on Health, Employment, Labor, and Pensions, hearing entitled “What Should Workers and Employers Expect Next From the National Labor Relations Board?”, 10 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, June 25, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled “Medicare Program Integrity: Screening Out Errors, Fraud, and Abuse”, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, June 24, Full Committee, hearing entitled “The Annual Report of the Fi-

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June 25, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Examining Reauthorization of the Export-Import Bank: Corporate Necessity or Corporate Welfare?”, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

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Committee on Foreign Affairs, June 24, Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific, hearing entitled “Thailand: A Democracy in Peril”, 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

June 25, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Afghanistan’s Transition”, 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

June 25, Subcommittee on the Middle East and North Africa, “Libya at a Crossroads: A Faltering Transition”, 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

June 25, Subcommittee on Europe, Eurasia and Emerging Threats, hearing entitled “Reviewing the Administration’s FY 2015 Budget Request for Europe and Eurasia”, 2 p.m., 2200 Rayburn.

June 25, Subcommittee on Western Hemisphere, hearing entitled “Children Migrating from Central America: Creating a Humanitarian Crisis”, 2 p.m., 2255 Rayburn.

June 26, Full Committee, markup on the following legislation: H.R. 2283, to prioritize the fight against human trafficking within the Department of State according to congressional intent in the Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000 without increasing the size of the Federal Government, and for other purposes; H.R. 4347, to require the Secretary of State to provide an annual report to Congress regarding United States Government efforts to survey and secure the return, protection, and restoration of stolen, confiscated, or otherwise unreturned Christian properties in the Republic of Turkey and in those areas currently occupied by the Turkish military in northern Cyprus; H.R. 4411, to prevent Hezbollah and associated entities from gaining access to international financial and other institutions, and for other purposes; H.R. 4640, to establish the Western Hemisphere Drug Policy Commission; and H.R. 4653, to reauthorize the United States Commission on International Religious Freedom, and for other purposes, 9 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on Homeland Security, June 24, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Dangerous Passage: The Growing Problem of Unaccompanied Children Crossing the Border”, 10 a.m., 311 Cannon.

June 24, Subcommittee on Transportation Security, hearing entitled “Utilizing Canine Teams to Detect Explosives and Mitigate Threats”, 2 p.m., 311 Cannon.

June 25, Subcommittee on Cybersecurity, Infrastructure Protection, and Security Technologies; and Committee on Education and the Workforce, Subcommittee on Early Childhood, Elementary and Secondary Education, joint hearing entitled “How Data Mining Threatens Student Privacy”, 11 a.m., 311 Cannon.

Committee on House Administration, June 25, Full Committee, hearing on H.R. 186, to amend the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 to permit candidates for election for Federal office to designate an individual who will

be authorized to disburse funds of the authorized campaign committees of the candidate in the event of the death of the candidate, 11 a.m., 1310 Longworth.

Committee on the Judiciary, June 24, Subcommittee on Regulatory Reform, Commercial and Antitrust Law, hearing entitled “The Proposed Merger of AT&T and DIRECTV”, 10:30 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

June 24, Subcommittee on Courts, Intellectual Property and the Internet, hearing entitled “Trade Secrets: Promoting and Protecting American Innovation, Competitiveness and Market Access in Foreign Markets”, 1:30 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

June 25, Subcommittee on Courts, Intellectual Property and the Internet, “Music Licensing Under Title 17 Part Two”, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

June 25, Full Committee, hearing entitled “An Administration Made Disaster: The South Texas Border Surge of Unaccompanied Alien Minors”, 2 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

June 26, Task Force on Over-Criminalization, hearing entitled “Collateral Consequences”, 9:30 a.m., 2237 Rayburn.

Committee on Natural Resources, June 24, Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources, oversight hearing entitled “American Energy Jobs: Opportunities for Education”, 10 a.m., 1334 Longworth.

June 24, Subcommittee on Water and Power, oversight hearing on “New Federal Schemes to Soak Up Water Authority: Impacts on States, Water Users, Recreation, and Jobs”, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

June 24, Subcommittee on Indian and Alaska Native Affairs, hearing entitled “Child Protection and the Justice System on the Spirit Lake Indian Reservation”, 2 p.m., 1334 Longworth.

June 24, Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife, Oceans and Insular Affairs, oversight hearing entitled “The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service’s Plan to Implement a Ban on the Commercial Trade in Elephant Ivory”, 2 p.m., 1324 Longworth.

June 25, Subcommittee on Public Lands and Environmental Regulation, oversight hearing entitled “Increasing Carbon Soil Sequestration on Public Lands”, 2 p.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, June 23, Full Committee, hearing entitled “IRS Obstruction: Lois Lerner’s Missing E-Mails, 7 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

June 24, Full Committee, hearing entitled “IRS Obstruction: Lois Lerner’s Missing E-Mails, Part II, 9:30 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

June 25, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Management Failures: Oversight of the EPA”, 9:30 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on Rules, June 23, Full Committee, hearing on H.R. 6, the “Domestic Prosperity and Global Freedom Act”; and H.R. 3301, the “North American Energy Infrastructure Act”, 5 p.m., H-313 Capitol.

June 24, Full Committee, hearing on H.R. 4899, the “Lowering Gasoline Prices to Fuel an America That Works Act of 2014”; and H.R. 4923, Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act FY 2015, 3 p.m., H-313 Capitol.

June 25, Subcommittee on Legislative and Budget Process, legislative hearing on H.R. 1869, the “Biennial Budgeting and Enhanced Oversight Act of 2014”, 10 a.m., 313 Capitol.

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, June 24, Full Committee, markup on H.R. 4012, the “Secret Science Reform Act of 2014”, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

June 25, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Pathways to Exploration: A Review of the Future of Human Space Exploration”, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

June 26, Subcommittee on Research and Technology; and Subcommittee on Oversight, joint subcommittee hearing entitled “Technology for Patient Safety at Veterans Hospitals”, 9 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Small Business, June 26, Subcommittee on Agriculture, Energy and Trade, hearing entitled “The New Domestic Energy Paradigm: Downstream Challenges for Small Energy Businesses”, 10 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs, June 23, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Evaluating the Capacity of the VA to Care for Veteran Patients”, 7:30 p.m., 334 Cannon.

June 25, Full Committee, hearing entitled “VBA and VHA Interactions: Ordering and Conducting Medical Examinations”, 10 a.m., 334 Cannon.

Committee on Ways and Means, June 25, Full Committee, markup on H.R. 3393, the “Student and Family Tax Simplification Act”; and H.R. 4935, the “Child Tax Credit Improvement Act of 2014”, 9:30 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

Joint Meetings

Joint Economic Committee: June 24, to hold hearings to examine the economic impact of increased natural gas production, 10 a.m., SH-216.

June 24, Senate Committee on Veterans’ Affairs, meeting of conferees on H.R. 3230, to improve the access of veterans to medical services from the Department of Veterans Affairs, 2 p.m., SVC-212-10.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

10 a.m., Tuesday, June 24

Senate Chamber

Program for Tuesday: After the transaction of any morning business (not to extend beyond 11 a.m.), Senate will vote on confirmation of the nominations of Paul G. Byron, of Florida, to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of Florida, Carlos Eduardo Mendoza, of Florida, to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of Florida, Beth Bloom, of Florida, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Florida, and Geoffrey W. Crawford, of Vermont, to be United States District Judge for the District of Vermont, and on the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination of Leon Rodriguez, of Maryland, to be Director of the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services, Department of Homeland Security.

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

10 a.m., Tuesday, June 24

House Chamber

Program for Tuesday: Complete consideration of H.R. 4413—Customer Protection and End User Relief Act. Consideration of H.R. 3301—North American Energy Infrastructure Act (Subject to a Rule).

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